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January 12, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion, under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes:—

American Exchange National Bank, —	27,000	Ounces,	at \$1.0660.
Fourth National Bank, —	33,600	" "	1.0670.
Fourth National Bank, —	20,400	" "	1.0680.
Fourth National Bank, —	22,000	" "	1.0690.
J. & H. Seligman & Co., —	25,000	" "	1.07.
N. Y. Lorraine, —	30,000	" "	1.0690.
Wells, Fargo & Co., —	43,000	" "	1.07.
Clark, Dodge & Co., —	25,000	" "	1.0699.
Penna. Co., for Insurance on			
Lives & Granting Annuities, —	19,300	" "	1.0690.

Respectfully yours
 C. O. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 267, for \$36.94, being on account of Alloy Charges, Dr. endig. Dec. 31, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 6th, inst., has been received, properly indorsed ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal cred. is to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury

as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:—

— C. D. No. 267, for \$1,300.20, being on account of By-products, Dr. endg. Dec. 31, 1890,

+ + + + +
+ + + no personal credit
to be given you + + + +
+ + + + +.

— C. D. No. 267, for \$27.00, being on account of Sale of Old Material, Dr. endg. Dec. 31, 1890,

+ + + + +
+ + + no personal credit
+ + + + +
+ + + + +.

— C. D. No. 267, for \$9,293.30, being on account of Melting, Parting & Refining, Dr. endg. Dec. 31, 1890, + + + + +
+ + + + + personal credit
to be given you in your Bullion accounts,
and the amount to be covered into the Treasury
to the credit of the Appropriation for Parting
& Refining bullion.

January 12, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary ^{and} Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers for the Month ending December 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

— + + + Ordinary
 Expense Account, + + + +.

January 12, 1891.

Chief Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the Month ending December 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,

New York City.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense accounts for the Month ending December 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

January 12, 1891.

Spruille Braden, Esq.,
U. S. Public Sampling Works,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th, inst., you are informed that it is not the practice of the Department to return an official bond.

In this connection I would say that I mailed you certain letters to the Grand hotel in San Francisco, which you requested some time ago, under the impression that you were there.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1891.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 10th, inst., relative to offers for the sale of silver to the Government, I would say that a change in the fourth decimal in your offers would have no effect upon the acceptance or rejection of such offers by the Government, ^{and} simply entails unnecessary trouble without an appreciable difference in value, especially in small lots.

For instance: - in your last offers you offered two separate lots at \$1.0515. We were afraid that this was a mistake in the dispatch because it was unusual to offer two lots at the same price. Then you jumped to \$1.0518, ^{and} so on up to \$1.0530.

While you have a perfect right to offer at any price you please, ^{and} I have no

disposition to dictate to you how you shall frame your offers, your bank is the only seller of silver that advances by changes in the fourth decimal. For instance: - on the last purchase day all your offers would have been accepted if the whole lot had been offered at \$1.0530 but, of course, they would have all been rejected if offered at that price, if the Government had paid no higher than \$1.0520.

The immediate point of my letter was that differences in bids of three or two-hundredths of a cent which do not occasion a change in the mills would not be considered in the acceptance or rejection of an offer, ^{and} I think this could be avoided without in any way affecting your sales, ^{and} at the same time avoid considerable trouble to the Department. But, as I say, I offer this suggestion principally to save confusion in the telegrams as delivered, ^{and} in the records both of this Bureau ^{and} the Mint, ^{and} not in any way to control your action unless it commends itself to your judgement.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th, inst., relative to suspending local purchases of silver, you are informed that local purchases will be suspended at your mint at the same time that silver purchases are suspended generally, that is, when the Department has purchased the full amount of silver authorized

by law, ^{and} the details of the business of the mint is a matter that cannot be taken into consideration in connection therewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 12, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram.

— Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar six ^{and} a-half cents per ounce fine, to take effect to-morrow morning.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

January 12, 1891.

Hon. John Sherman,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Senator:

As requested in your memorandum of this morning, I send you enclosed herewith: —

1. — Statement of exports ^{and} imports of gold in the United States from July 1, 1890, to January 1, 1891.
2. — Exports ^{and} imports of silver in the United States from July 1, 1890 to December 1, 1890. The information for the month of December has not been received at the Bureau of statistics from the Collectors of Customs ^{and} it is not possible to

furnish the data for that month, but it may safely be averaged as about the same as for the month of November.

3.- Statement of the stock of ^{Gold and} silver in the world.

4.- There is no charge for coining Gold at the mints. It was estimated when we began coining the trade dollar that the cost of coining a silver dollar was about one cent. — The cost of refining varies from one cent to six cents, according to the proportion of the precious ^{and} base metals contained. On crude silver deposits it might be placed at one-cent an ounce as the minimum.

5.- The reference on page 229 of my report for the fiscal year 1890, in regard to the legal-tender quality of French coins does not relate to the 5-franc piece, which is unlimited tender, but to the fractional, that is, the 2-franc ^{and} smaller pieces which have a fineness of .835 ^{and} are subsidiary coins, like the coins representing fractional parts of our silver dollar.

I enclose a brief statement taken from the report of this bureau on the production of the precious metals, 1886, relative to the course of silver, ^{and} the action of European Governments in closing their mints to its coinage.

It may be said that since 1878 the mints of Europe, without exception, have been, ^{and} still are, closed to the coinage of full legal tender silver pieces, ^{and} that change money is the only silver money that has been coined in Europe for the last twelve years.

Trusting this information may prove of value to you,

I am, with great respect,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1891.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall St., New York.

Telegram. — Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at one dollar six ninety-nine accepted.

Confirmed. Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. — + + + + at one dollar seven accepted. Other declined.

January 12, 1891.

N. F. Torrance,
50, Wall St., New York.

Telegram. — Your offer accepted.

Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed. Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed. Penna. Co. for Ins. on lives & granting Annuities,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed. Eureka Consolidated Mining Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Similar, except as follows, to: —

Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

January 12, 1891.

Telegram.

Grimmerman & Forshay,
11, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram, except as follows, to: —

Confirmed.

Wandy & Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.
— + offers +.

January 13, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-five Thousand Eight Hundred ²³/₁₀₀ Seventy-six ²³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$45,876.23), in Gold Coin, ²³/₁₀₀ Eleven Hundred ²³/₁₀₀ Fifty-four ²³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$11,540.8), in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-seven Thousand and ³¹/₁₀₀ Thirty ³¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$47,030.31), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 16, dated January 7, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows to same address: —
(over) —

— + + + + from the U. S.
Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of
the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum
of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred ^{and} Six ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ Dol-
lars (\$19,206.95), in Gold Coin, ^{and} Four Hundred ^{and}
Fourteen ⁰²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$414.02), in Silver Coin, making
a total of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred ^{and}
Twenty ⁹⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$19,620.97) + + +
+ + as shown by Memorandum No.
16, dated January 7, 1891, + + + +.

January 12, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
during the month of Jan. 1891, ^{and} forwarded to
the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been
received, viz:—

2 Double-Eagles, Del.	\$2, —	<u>\$40.00</u>
2 " " " "	\$3, —	<u>40.00</u>
Total, —		<u>\$80.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Singular letters except as follows, to the following:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + —
+ + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$4, — \$2.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$8, — \$2.00

January 12, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of December, 1890, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th, inst. relative to Mr. Stitt, I informed you on the day that your letter was received that I had referred it to the Solicitor of the Treasury as the proper officer to take cognizance of such matters, which is all that I could do in the case. — Any further communication on the subject should be addressed to him.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 13, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: — Referring to your letter of the 6th, in-

stant, I would state that Sup'ts. Record of Gold Coins Received from Corner was shipped your Mint on the 8th, instant.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

Hon. George L. Shoup,
United States Senate.

Sir:

I find from the legislative appropriation bill, reported to the House on the 10th, inst., that the salary of the Clerk in the Assay Office at Boise City has been left at \$1,200., and the appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses, including labor, \$7,500.

In my estimates, which were approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, I asked that the clerkship of the assay office at Boise City be fixed at \$1,600. per annum, which is the smallest amount of money for which it is possible to obtain a person suitable to fill this position in Boise, and I asked that the appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses, including labor, be fixed at \$9,000., an increase of \$1,500. owing to the increase of the business of the institution. — I respectfully suggest that you call the attention of Mr. Sweet to this matter and have him offer an amendment in the House, to line 1, page 56, and to line 4 of the same page, and if the amendment is not adopted there that you look after the matter when the bill is before the Appropriations Committee in the Senate.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

A. M. Townsend, Esq., Agent,
Hong-Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
60, Wall St., New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th., instant you are informed that the local purchases of silver are confined to lots of less than 10,000 ounces ^{and} that up to the close of business on the 10th., instant aggregated for the month only 178,614 ounces.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 16, dated Jan'y. 7, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 16, dated Dec. 31, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$7,142,27 charges \$111.96, ^{and} net value \$7,030.31. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

— + + No. 16, dated Jan'y. 7, 1891,
 + + + + + Shipment No. 16,
 dated Dec. 31, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at

this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$19,671.74;
 charges \$50.74, ^{and} net value \$19,620.97.
 + + + + +

January 13, 1891.

Hon. H. H. Morrow,

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I find from the legislative appropriation bill, reported to the House on the 10th, inst., that the appropriation for the wages of workmen ^{and} adjutants at the Mint at San Francisco (line 20, page 55) has been left at \$170,000. against \$190,000. asked for.

I respectfully submit that under the increased business of the Mint at San Francisco an appropriation of \$170,000. is not sufficient to transact its business, ^{and} I would suggest that you offer an amendment in the House increasing the appropriation to \$190,000.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

Hon. John Wannamaker,

Postmaster General,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st. ult., enclosing a letter from Senator Cameron, ^{and} to your former communication on the same subject, I have the honor to inform you that I have approved the appointment of Miss M. S. Ashton in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

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pp. 222.

January 13, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Attorney of the Mining Stock Association of San Francisco, dated the 6th, inst., in which he informs the Department that you have objected to permitting a competent ^{and} reliable person to make an examination of the books ^{and} papers of the mint for the specific information desired by that Association, on the ground that it would seriously interfere with the business of the mint. —

You are hereby instructed to afford any competent ^{and} reliable person, selected by the Mining Stock Association, free access to the books ^{and} papers of the mint for the purpose of making the investigation they seek.

After frequent consultations with the Secretary of the Treasury I take this occasion to inform you that it is the intention of the Department to afford this Association the fullest opportunity for obtaining information in regard to bullion deposits at the Carson Mint, ^{and} unless you act in full accord with the Department in this matter I shall feel it my duty to report the facts to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I do not intend to have these parties complaining that the officers of the Mint have been guilty of connivance with wrong doing in the matter of bullion deposits ^{and} not afford them every facility for satisfying themselves from the records, as to what we believe, the falsity of this charge.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

W. P. Baggett, Esq., Atty.,
Mining Stock Association,
415, Montgomery St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th, inst., requesting me to appoint some man in whom you could confide to make an investigation of the mint at Carson, I have to say that the matter of the connivance of the present officers of the mint at Carson with any frauds perpetrated on mine owners was thoroughly investigated by a gentleman in whom the Department has the utmost confidence, ^{and} the Department is well satisfied that the present officers of the mint at Carson have not been engaged in any wrong doing, so that it is not the purpose of the Department to make any further investigation into this subject. — As I have stated in previous communications the Department will afford you every facility for making any investigation you may think proper ^{and} necessary as the mint at Carson which will not interfere with its business, ^{and} I have to-day written to the Superintendent of that institution instructing him to afford a competent ^{and} reliable person, sent to the mint at your expense, an opportunity to get from the books the specific information you desire. — I am satisfied you will have no trouble in obtaining any information which the records of the mint impart.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

J. Laurence Laughlin, Esq.,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th, inst., requesting me to forward you the table for the calendar year 1890, arranged on the same basis as that for 1889, giving the average price of silver each month of the year, I would say that the table is not completed. It is completed for each month except December, ^{but} I hope in a few days to have it completed for that month.

I would lay aside other matters ^{and} have that done immediately but I am rushed to death for statistical information for Senators who are going to make speeches on the financial bill, so that it will be impossible for me to do so for a few days. I hope, however, to have the table completed in time to reach you this week.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram.

— Your coinage statement for calendar year has not been received. This is important ^{and} should have been forwarded promptly.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

January 13, 1891.

C. H. Moore,Boise City, Idaho.

Telegram.

Will you serve, if appointed by the President, as a member of the annual assay commission to test the coinage, which meets in Philadelphia, February eleven. The session will last about three days. There is no compensation attached, but expenses cast ^{and} back will be paid.

Senator Shoup requests your appointment. Please answer by telegraph at Government expense.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 13, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Carson, Nevada.

Telegram.

On Form sixty for December you report redeposits one-forty-thousand ounces, fine bars, one-ninety-thousand, unparted bars, total three-thirty-thousand, or the exact amount of your bullion deposits. On same form for calendar year you report redeposits one-forty-thousand ounces fine bars, ^{and} one-million-nine-eight-seven-thousand ounces unparted bars, making two-million-one-twenty-seven thousand ounces redeposits, or the exact amount of the total deposits.

This is evidently a blunder. Re-deposits are bars which have been paid out ^{and} come back ^{and} are added to the regular deposits. Explain by letter.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 13, 1891.

Hon. Thomas H. Carter,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I find from the legislative appropriation bill which was reported to the House on the 10th., inst., that the salary of the assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, has been left at \$2,250., and that the appropriation for wages of workmen has been left at \$12,000.

I recommended in my estimates, which were approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, that the salary of the assayer in charge be increased to \$2,500., which was the salary fixed for the assayer when the office was created, and appropriated for a number of years, it being reduced without the knowledge or consent of this Bureau, or of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an appropriation act, without, as I believe, any authority of law or just reason.

I asked that the appropriation for wages of workmen be fixed at \$13,500., on account of the increase in the business of that institution.

I respectfully suggest that you offer an amendment to the bill in the House to lines 12 and 17, on page 56, covering these points.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 14, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a trans-

per of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), ^{my} that
the same be placed to your credit with the As-
sistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 14, 1891.

Prof. S. C. Mendenhall,

U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I send you a copy of a communication re-
ceived to day from the Superintendent of the Mint
at Philadelphia, relative to the cost of the gold
plate which you desire.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your statement of the adjustment of
weights ^{my} balances at your Mint has been re-
ceived.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: -

— Your register of deposits for the
quarter ended Dec. 31, 1890, + + +.

January 14, 1891.

Prof. Richard Pearce,
Sego, Colorado.

Telegram.

If you will accept appointment as an assay commissioner to test coinage I will submit your name on the list I hand the President for appointment.

Commission meets at Mint at Philadelphia, February eleven. Session lasts about three days. No compensation but expenses paid. Please answer at Government expense.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Dr. B. A. Gould,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Prof. John W. Appleton,
Brown University,
Providence, R. I.

January 14, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending December 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Letter similar to the foregoing, except as follows, to same address:—

— + + + + the Ordinary
and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent
of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco + +
+ + + + +.

January 14, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined ^{my} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery + Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts for the month ending December 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

— + + + + +
+ your Ordinary + Refinery expense ac-
counts + + + + +.

January 14, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at St. Louis, Mo. — Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, — Director of
the Mint.

January 14, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates $\frac{3}{4}$ for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive $\frac{3}{4}$ pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Nesslage, Colgate & Co., —	52,000	Ounces, at	\$1.0620.
Wandry & Harman, —	100,000	" "	1.06.
Wandry & Harman, —	50,000	" "	1.0615.
Gimmerman & Forshay, —	100,000	" "	1.06.
Gimmerman & Forshay, —	52,000	" "	1.0585.
Gimmerman & Forshay, —	50,000	" "	1.0590.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Singular letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	—
Boston & Colorado					
Smelting Company, — 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0620.					

January 14, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint, during the month of Jan., 1891, $\frac{3}{4}$ forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay

have been received: viz: —

2 S. S. Dolls. Del.	\$10, —	\$2.00
2 Dimes, —	" \$9, —	.20
	Total, —	<u>\$2.20</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	—	—
2 Double Eagles, —				<u>\$10.00</u>	

January 14, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's reports upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of December, 1890, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. — The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	Month of January, 1891,	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+
<u>Superintendent, U. S. Mint,</u>					
<u>Philadelphia, Pa.,</u>					

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

January 14, 1891.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one dollar six, ^{and} fifty thousand ounces at one dollar six-fifteen, accepted.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

29 Wall St., New York.

— + + + fifty-thousand ounces at one dollar six-twenty accepted.

Confirmed.

Other declined.

January 14, 1891.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Confirmed.

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —

Gimmerman & Horshay,

#11, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers +.

January 14, 1891.

Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,

Confirmed.

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: — (over)

Confirmed. Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. C. H. Kaufman,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. Similar, except as follows,* - to the following: -
J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. L. A. Cole,
No. 1, Broadway, New York.

Confirmed. Clark, Dodge & Co.,
#51, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,
New York.
* + offers +

January 15, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the report of the assayer of this bureau upon the silver dollars coined at your mint during the month of December, last, ^{and} forwarded to this bureau for special test, your attention is again directed to the irregularity in the weight of the pieces.

In a total of twenty-two pieces examined, ten were below 412 grains, while only one piece was of standard weight.

The average weight of the 22 pieces viz: 412.02 grains is low.

Such work can only be due to carelessness in the mechanical operations of the

corner's department, ^{and} you will take such steps as you may think necessary to secure more satisfactory results.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 15, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please have prepared ^{and} mounted, one silver life saving medal ^{and} forward the same with case accompanied by your account for the same to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

After a careful consideration of the advertisement ^{and} contract with the Scoville Manufacturing Co., for supplying nickel ^{and} bronze blanks I have come to the conclusion that it would be lawful to enter into a new contract with this company, under the old advertisement; ^{and} as I consider the contract a favorable one for the Government you are authorized ^{and} directed to prepare ^{and} enter into an agreement with the Scoville Manufacturing Co., in terms exactly similar to the ones herewith returned, for furnishing ^{and} supplying nickel ^{and} bronze blanks of the same

quantity as is named in the present agreement, referring to the old advertisement in the agreement, ^{and} after the contracts are duly executed to forward them to Washington for my approval. — The papers are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 15, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find \$3.82, for which I will thank you to return me by Registered Mail two silver ^{and} nickel proof sets of 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1891.
Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram. — Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one-hundred-five ^{and} half cents per ounce fine immediately.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Confirmed. Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

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Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 16, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Telegram.

— Am awaiting your statement of assets & liabilities for December thirty-one.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

January 16, 1891.

Prof. C. F. Chandler,
Columbia College, New York City.

Telegram.

— If you will accept appointment on the annual assay commission I will present your name to the President. — Answer at Government expense.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 16, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I find on receipt of your Bullion Account that Certificate of Deposit \$672, for \$8637, is for Melting, Assaying & Stamping charges, for the quarter ending Dec. 31. 1890. — Hereafter you will have correctly stated on the Certificate

of Deposit the correct sources from which the money was derived.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 132, dated Jan'y. 13, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 132, dated Jan'y. 10, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$14,562.11; charges \$44.76, ^{and} net value \$14,577.35. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:—

— Deposit Memorandum No. 133, dated Jan'y. 13, 1891, + + + + +
Shipment No. 133, dated Jan'y. 10, 1891, + +
+ + + + \$12,590.17; Charges \$36.30
and net value \$12,553.87. + + +
+ + + + +

— + + No. 134, dated Jan'y. 13, 1891, + + + + +
Shipment No. 134, dated Jan'y. 10, 1891, + +
+ + + + + \$4,879.87;
charges \$1.11, ^{and} net value \$4,878.76. + +
+ + + + +

January 16, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{per} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes: —

<u>Fourth National Bank, —</u>	<u>36,000 Ounces, at \$1.0580.</u>
<u>Fourth National Bank, —</u>	<u>22,000 " " 1.0595.</u>
<u>Clark, Dodge & Co., —</u>	<u>100,000 " " 1.06.</u>
<u>L. A. Cole, —</u>	<u>20,000 " " 1.0570.</u>
<u>L. A. Cole, —</u>	<u>20,000 " " 1.0580.</u>
<u>L. A. Cole, —</u>	<u>20,000 " " 1.0590.</u>
<u>Wandy & Harman, —</u>	<u>100,000 " " 1.0590.</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

— + + + + Bullion Accounts
 (over) —

+ + + + +

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+ + + Bullion Accounts
+ + + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

+ + + Ordinary Refinery
my Standard Silver Dollar expense Accounts +
+ + for the Month ending December
31, 1890.

January 16, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Jan'y. 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$11, — \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + + +
+ + + + +
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$7, — \$2.00
2 S. S. Dollars, " \$8, 2.00
Total, — \$4.00

(next page) —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	—	
	2 Dimes,	—				<u>.20^c</u>

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
	2 U. S. Dollars,	Del.	\$7, —			<u>\$2.50</u>
	10 Dimes,	—	"	\$2, —		<u>1.00</u>
		Total,	—			<u>\$3.50</u>

January 16, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{my} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of January, 1891, ^{my} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: —
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

January 16, 1891.

J. Laurence Laughlin, Esq.,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 10th inst., I send you herewith a table showing the highest, lowest ^{and} average price of silver Bullion each month during the calendar year 1890. — I send the table for your own personal use ^{and} do not care to have it published.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach,
 Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No. 272^{for} \$541.89, being on account of Alloy charges, Tr. ending Dec. 31, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 9th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

— C. D. No. 273, for \$18,059.65, being on account of Parting & Refining Bullion, Tr. ending Dec. 31, 1890. + + + 9th inst., +
 + + + + +

Bullion accounts + + + + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

January 16, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred ⁷⁶/₁₀₀ Seventy-eight ⁷⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$4,878.76), in Gold Coin, making a total of Four Thousand, Eight Hundred ⁷⁶/₁₀₀ Seventy-eight ⁷⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$4,878.76), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 134, dated Jan'y. 13, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address: —

+ + + + +
of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred ³⁰/₁₀₀ Sixty-one ³⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$12,361.30) in Gold Coin ⁵⁷/₁₀₀ One Hundred ⁵⁷/₁₀₀ Ninety-two ⁵⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,925.57) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred ⁸⁷/₁₀₀ Fifty-three ⁸⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$2,553.87),
+ + + + + as shown
by Memorandum No. 133, dated Jan'y. 13th 1891.
+ + + + +

+ + + + +
(over) —

of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that
 of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of
 Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred ^{and} ninety-six ¹²/₁₀₀
 Dollars (\$14,296.12), in Gold Coin ^{and} Two Hundred
^{and} Twenty-one ²³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$2,21.23), in Silver Coin,
 making a total of Fourteen Thousand Five Hun-
 dred ^{and} Seventeen ³⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$14,517.35), being the
 net value + + + + +
 as shown by Memorandum No. 132, dated Jan'y. 13,
 1891. + + + + +.

January 16, 1891.

American Exchange National Bank,

Telegram.

New York.

— Your offer declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Wells, Fargo & Co.,

Confirmed.

New York.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,

Confirmed.

Denver, Colo.

Heidelbach, Ischelheimer & Co.,

Confirmed.

New York.

Similar except as follows, to: —

Zimmerman & Gorshay,

11, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

— All your offers declined.

January 16, 1891.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,

Telegram.

51, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech, — Director, Mint.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing except as follows, to the following: —
Wandy & Harman,

24, Nassau St., New York.

Confirmed. — + + of one hundred-thous-
 and ounces at one dollar five ninety-five accepted.
 Others declined.

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

Confirmed. — Both your offers accepted.

L. A. Cole,

No. 1, Broadway, New York.

Confirmed. — All your offers accepted.

January 17, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of E. I. Platt,
 Treasury Agent, U. S. Express Company, for one
 copy Bullinger's Postal & Shipping Guide sent
 you on the 16th. instant. — You will please
 remit the amount \$1.50 to Mr. Platt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 17, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th in-

start advising shipment of 50 life saving medals in cases for the Department of State ^{and} enclosing your account for the same.

The medals have been delivered by the Express Company. — As this Bureau has no record of the order for these medals I will thank you to furnish me with the date of the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In your consolidated statement of silver purchases for the month of June, as 434-358.05 fine ounces costing \$455,827.56, while form 193 for that month gives the amount as 435,172.89 fine ounces costing \$456,659.03, difference of 814.84 fine ounces, costing \$831.77. — Please explain the difference.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1891.
Baltimore Copper Smelting & Refining Co.,
Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver ten (10) tons best ingot copper to Quartermaster U. S. Army for shipment to Mint, U. S. at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of January, 1891, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received.

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #9, - \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1891.
C. S. Platt, Esq.,
29, Gold St., New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to thank you for your kindness in furnishing this Bureau with the Gold ^{See Mining Book #3-} and Silver Bars furnished manufacturers for ^{p. 19-} use in the industrial act, for the same period.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1891.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Telegram.

— I am awaiting your statement of assets and liabilities for December thirty-one.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 17, 1891.

J. C. Mendenhall, Esq.,Sup't. U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey.Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your communication of the 16th. inst., relative to the preparation of a gold plate, has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to prepare the same at the earliest possible moment, and to forward it upon completion directly to you.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1891.

Prof. C. F. Chandler,51, East 54th, St. New York.

Telegram.

— If you will accept appointment on the annual assay commission I will present your name to the President. — Telegraphed you yesterday at Columbia College but received no reply. — Answer at Government expense.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

January 19, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Voucher No. 93 of your ordinary expense account for the month of December, 1890 being a bill of Lessie W. Bell for the sum of \$202.72 is suspended. — Some of the items in this bill seem very large & unusual expendi-

tures. For instance, one dozen long handled sweeping brushes at \$3.00 each, amounting to \$36.00, is a very remarkable ^{and} unusual expense. One or two of such brushes, if expensive brushes of that kind were needed at all, would have seemed sufficient.

The purchase of 688 pounds of soap at 12 1/2 cents a pound, amounting to \$86.00 is a very large ^{and} unusual expenditure which savors very strongly of extravagance. In addition to this there is a box of Babbitt's soap.

The purchase of this large quantity of soap calls for explanation, ^{and} you will also explain the purpose for which 171 yards of "duck" at 25-cents a yard was intended.

Voucher No. 95, a bill of George P. Davis for two barrels of Portland cement, ^{and} voucher 105, bill of Frank G. Holson for one barrel of Portland cement, are also suspended.

In one of these you pay \$8.50 a barrel ^{and} in the other \$9.00 a barrel for cement.

The price of cement at the mint at Philadelphia is \$3.25-a barrel ^{and} at San Francisco, \$3.50.

The price paid by you seems extravagant, ^{and} unless it is the current price in Carson ^{and} this fact can be established to the satisfaction of the Department, it will not be approved in your accounts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 19, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have today approved ^{and} referred to the

proper accounting officers of the Department for adjustment ^{and} settlement a bill of the Revenue Marine Division, amounting to \$2.25, for one National Ensign furnished for the use of your Mint. The bill will be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1891.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

—	+	+	+	+	×
+	+	+	amounting to <u>\$22.80</u> , +		
+	+	+	+	+	+

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

—	+	+	+	+	×
+	+	+	amounting to <u>\$10.00</u> , +		
+	+	+	+	+	+

January 19, 1891.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent, U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending December 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. ^{Within the legal limits of tolerance} The coins were found to be

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 19, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined ^{my} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{my} settlement, your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending December 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 19, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of Jan'y., 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: —

2 Half-Dollars, Del. $\$16,-$ $\$1.00$

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+
2	Double-Eagles,	Del.	$\$4,-$	<u>$\\$40.00$</u>	

January 19, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to come to Washington as soon as it may be convenient, to consult with me in regard to matters pertaining to your Mint.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 19, 1891.

Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Purchases to close of business seventeenth, four million one hundred sixty nine thousand five ounces.

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 19, 1891.

L. A. Cole,

Telegram.

No. 1, Broadway, New York,

Confirmed

— Your offer received at one-forty, P.M. too late for consideration.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 19, 1891.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

Telegram.

29, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colorado.

Confirmed.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
#51, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Bandy & Barman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

Similar, except as follows, to the following: —

Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

Grimmerman & Horshay,
11, Wall St., New York.

Telegram.

January 20, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

— Annual statements irreconcilable.
If original silver deposits were one-million-
nine-eighty-seven th and redeposits one-forty-
thousand ounces making total two-million-
one-twenty-seven, you should not have cred-
ited on Form sixty-one, two-million-one-twenty-
seven to Nevada, but one-million-nine-
eighty-seven. Explain by mail.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 20, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon Assay Coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of January, 1891, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. — The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 20, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Jan., 1891, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dolls. Del. \$17, — \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	—
2 Double-Eagles, Del.	\$8,—					\$40.00	
10 Dimes,	"	\$3,—				1.00	
Total, —						\$41.00	

January 20, 1891.

Hon. James G. Blaine,
Secretary of State.
 Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a box received from the Superintendent, U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, said to contain 50 gold life-saving medals with cases &c., ordered by you under date of December 22, 1890.

I enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent for medals, cases &c., amounting to \$1,512.30 for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be mailed him as soon as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 20, 1891.

Genl. S. V. Benet,
Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A.,
War Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith 17 bronze army marksman's medals as requested in your letter of the 17th ultimo. I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent Mint, U. S., Philadelphia, for the same amounting to \$29.45 for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be remitted him as early as practicable. (Rec)

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 20, 1891.
Major A. J. Mc Gonnigle, Quartermaster, U. S. Army,
18, West Saratoga St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I have requested the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company to deliver to you ten (10) tons ingot copper for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco which I will thank you to receive, forward^{and} issue the proper bill of lading covering the shipment of the same in order that there may be no delay en-route.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 20, 1891.
Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten tons best ingot copper to Quartermaster, U. S. A., for shipment to the Mint at San Francisco at 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per pound is accepted, ^{and} I will thank you to deliver the same to Major A. J. Mc Gonnigle, Quartermaster, U. S. Army, in your city taking his receipt therefor ^{and} forwarding the same to this Bureau with your account receipted in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 20, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 11th. ultimo advising you of the payment of a stationery bill, your attention is called to an error of 40¢ which was made by the stationery division in rendering it.

The amount paid as corrected is \$60.63, instead of \$60.23 as previously reported.

Please cause the necessary change to be made in your account with the Appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 20, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department, for stationery shipped you September 11th, 1890, amounting to \$1.52, payable from the Appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 20, 1891.

Wm. B. Dana, & Co.,

102, William St., New York.

Telegram.

No estimate of the product of gold and silver for eighteen-ninety has been made.

The statistics are now being collected. I should say, as a mere guess, without any positive knowledge, that the product had increased about ten per-cent. in the United States ^{and} considerable in Australia.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

January 21, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1037, for \$229.36, being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping Chgs. Dr. ending Dec. 31, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 16th. inst., has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

— C. D. No. 1038, for \$32.57, being on account of Sweeps for Dr. ending Dec. 31, 1890, ×

+ + + + +
+ + + + +
+ + + + +

January 21, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{per} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, — 66,000 Ounces, at \$1.0552.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,

Director of the Mint.

Similar, except as follows, to: —

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	—
Fourth National Bank, —	<u>46,000</u>	Ounces,	at	<u>\$1.05375</u>	
Fourth National Bank, —	<u>30,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0550</u>	
Nesslage, Colgate & Co., —	<u>60,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0548</u>	
J. & W. Seligman & Co., —	<u>25,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0550</u>	
Wandy & Warman, —	<u>100,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0549</u>	

January 21, 1891.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. for the month ending December 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required

by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

— + + + +
Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge
of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont., +
+ + + + + + +.

January 21, 1891.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the Month ending December 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

— + + + +
+ + + your Ordinary expense
account + + + + +.

January 21, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th. inst. forwarding 50 gold life saving medals for the Department of State, you will hereafter

forward to this Bureau medals that have been ordered only by this Office.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 21, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward without delay, the number of the last Bullion Shipment from each Assay Office that received credit at your Mint ^{and} was entered on your Deposit sheets before December 31, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 21, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Jan. 1891, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: -

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$18, - \$2.50

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 21, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— Suspend local purchases until second

proximo. State by wire amount ^{and} cost of
 Confirmed. local purchases for month to date.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

January 21, 1891.

Louis Desmarais, Esq.

Custom House, New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your communication of the 16th. inst.,
 relative to the withdrawal of your name for
 the position of Coiner of the Mint at New Or-
 leans, has been received, ^{and} in compliance with
 your request the papers enclosed in your com-
 munication are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 21, 1891.

Zimmerman & Horshay,

11, Wall St., New York.

Telegram. — Your offer received too late for con-
 sideration.

Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 21, 1891.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at one-dollar-five-fifty accepted. Others

Confirmed.

declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams except as follows, to the following:
Hardy & Harman,

— + + + one-hundred-thousand
 ounces at one-dollar-five-forty-nine accepted.
 + + .

Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

— + + + forty-six thousand
 ounces at one-dollar-five-thirty-eight, ^{and}
 thirty-thousand ounces at one-dollar-five-
 one-half accepted. Other declined.

Confirmed.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall St., New York.

— + + + sixty-thousand
 ounces at one-dollar-five-forty-eight + .
 + + .

Confirmed.

January 21, 1891.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram.

— Your offer accepted.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 21, 1891.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,67, Wall St., New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.Similar telegram to: —Heidelbach, Schelheimer, & Co.,

Confirmed.

New York.Similar, except as follows to the following: —Nevada Bank,San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

— + offers +

L. J. Cole,

Confirmed.

No. 1, Broadway, New York.Zimmerman & Forshay,

Confirmed.

11, Wall St., New York.

January 22, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1036, for \$5450, being on account of Special Bullion Assays, Dr. endg. Dec. 31, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 16th. inst. has been received, properly indorsed ^{by} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.Similar letters except as follows, to: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

— C. D. No. 1897, for \$21.57, being on account
 of Net gain on Bullion transferred, Mint, Dr. endg. Dec.
 31, 1896, + + + of the 20th. Inst. +
 + + + + + + +
 personal credit + + + + .

— C. D. No. 1898, for \$161.66, being on ac-
 count of Melting, Assaying ^{and} Stamping chgs. Dr.
 endg. Dec. 31, 1890, + + + +
 + + + + + + .

— C. D. No. 1899, for \$39.42, being on
 account of D. M. Room grains, Dr. endg. Dec 31,
 1890, + + + +
 + + + + + + .

— C. D. No. 1900, for \$8.00, being on ac-
 count of Special Bullion Assays, Dr. endg. Dec.
 31, 1890, + + + + +
 + + + no personal credit
 + + + + + .

— C. D. No. 1901, for \$25.00, being on
 account of Sale of Old Material, Dr. endg. Dec.
 31, 1890, + + + + +
 + + + + + .

January 22, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint
 during the month of Jan. 1891, ^{are} forwarded
 to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay

have been received, viz: -

2 Double-Eagles, Del.	\$9,-	\$40.00
2 S. S. Dolls.,	" \$4,-	2.00
Total, -		<u>42.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
2 S. S. Dollars, Del.	\$19,-	\$2.00				

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
2 S. S. Dolls, -	Del.	\$13,-	\$2.00			

January 22, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of January, 1891, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. — The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + +

January 22, 1891.

Chas. Fargo, Esq.,
American Express Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th. inst., relative to the transportation of gold bullion from Helena, to Philadelphia, you are respectfully informed that you will continue to transport this bullion, and the Helena officials will continue to deliver it to you, until you and they are informed differently by me.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Bose City, Idaho.

Sir:

The object of Form #108, a, is to cover the entire deposits of the Quarter and not to be forwarded with each Certificate as you have done.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bull-

ion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans, be increased in the sum of Eighty-Thousand Dollars, (\$80,000.), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, ^{and} that the same be transmitted to the Superintendent of said institution in notes of the following denominations:—

\$40,000.— in \$5. Treasury Notes;

24,000.— in \$2. Treasury Notes;

16,000.— in \$1. Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Eighty-Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.) ^{and} that the same be transmitted you in Treasury Notes of the following denominations:—

\$40,000.— in \$5. Treasury Notes;—

24,000.— in \$2. Treasury Notes;

16,000.— in \$1. Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Deposit-Memorandum No. 17, dated Jan'y. 20, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Ship-

ment No. 17, dated Jan'y. 12, 1891, has been received
 and examined at this Bureau, and gross value found
 to be \$12,891.47; Charges, \$32.96, and net value \$12,858.51.

For the latter amount a transfer has been
 requested from the bullion fund of your insti-
 tution to that of the United States Mint at Phil-
 adelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer
 be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S.
 Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S.
 Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twelve
 Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-four
 $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars, (\$12,724.38), in Gold Coin, and One
 Hundred and Thirty-four $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars (\$134.13), in
 Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thous-
 and Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight $\frac{51}{100}$ (\$12,858.51),
 being the net value of Bullion heretofore for-
 warded by the Assayer in charge of the United
 States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by
 Memorandum No. 17, dated January 20, 1891, of
 Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 22, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 Bullion Accounts with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for
 the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 23, 1891.

Hon. Nelson W. Aldrich,
Committee on Finance,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Pres-
 ident has appointed you as one of the Commis-
 sioners to examine ^{and} test the fineness ^{and} weight
 of the coins reserved by the several Mints of
 the United States during the calendar year 1890.

The Commission will meet at the Mint
 at Philadelphia on the 11th, proximo, at ten
 o'clock A. M. — No compensation is provi-
 ded by law for the services of Commissioners, but
 necessary expenses in travelling to ^{and} from Phila-
 delphia ^{and} while attending the sessions of the
 Commission will be reimbursed.

Please notify me at your earliest conveni-
 ence as to your acceptance of the appointment.

For your information I enclose a pamph-
 let containing the laws relating to the Annual
 Assay, the rules for organization, ^{and} the pro-
 ceedings of the last Commission.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Letters similar to the foregoing, to the following:—

Hon. Thomas H. Carter,
Committee on Coinage, Weights & Measures,
House of Representatives.

Dr. D. A. Gould,
Cambridge, Mass.

Cabell Whitehead, Esq.,
Assayer,
Virginia.

Nelson H. Evans, Esq.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Frank A. Leach, Esq.,
Oakland,
California.

G. R. Metten, Esq.,
Helena,
Montana.

Prof. John H. Appleton,
Providence,
Rhode Island.

C. W. Moore, Esq.,
Boise City,
Idaho.

E. S. Willcox, Esq.,
Peoria,
Ills.

(Over) —

Irwin Sheppard, Esq.,
Winona,
Minn.

H. W. Cannon, Esq.,
New York
N. Y.

Charles Parsons, Esq.,
St. Louis,
Mo.

J. M. Bailey, Jr.
Sioux Falls,
South Dakota.

W. D. Ewing, Esq.,
Evansville,
Ind.

Charles W. Parvey, Esq.,
Springfield,
Ills.

January 23, 1891.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of October, 1889, from Chicago to Council Bluffs, of Mint Supplies, amounting to \$8.38, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation

for wages & Contingent expenses of your office,
fiscal year 1890. Duplicate Rpt. herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	Great Northern Railway Co.,	+		
+	+	in the month of September, 1890,			
		from St. Paul to Helena of Mint supplies,			
		amounting to \$10.69,	+	+	+
+	+		+	+	+

January 23, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to-day approved ^{and} referred to the
Chief Auditor for examination ^{and} settlement
a bill of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pa-
cific R. R., amounting to \$3.97 for the trans-
portation of Mint supplies in the month
of February, 1890. The bill is properly
payable from the appropriation for Con-
tingent expenses of your office, fiscal
year 1890, but as it has been exhausted
the amount will be reported for settle-
ment by a deficiency appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 23, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of Nov. 19th. last, advising you of the payment of a transportation bill of the Union Pacific R. R., amounting to \$6.11, I desire to say that the balance to the credit of your appropriation for Contingent expenses for the fiscal year 1890, only warranted the payment of \$3.59 of the amount, the balance \$2.52 being reported for settlement by a deficiency appropriation for the year.

Under date of Dec. 2nd. you were advised of the settlement of another bill of the Union Pacific R. R., amounting to \$92. This bill has also been reported for a deficiency appropriation, as has also been \$4.46, the amount of a bill of the same road the payment of which you were advised under date of December 23, last. All other bills have been paid as advised and your appropriation for 1890 has been exhausted. Please cause your account with your appropriations to be changed to conform herewith.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 23, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th. inst. in reference to making up remnants of fabric after cutting standard dollar bags

into \$5,000. - gold-bags for use of the Treasury Department I have to inform you that the Department has a contract for all bags required, in which it is expressly stipulated that the duck used shall be free from starch or sizing of any kind, ²/₃ inasmuch as the material referred to in your letter contains sizing, the Department does not think it advisable to have coin bags made therefrom. You will therefore sell these remnants as old material ²/₃ and deposit the proceeds in the Treasury unless you can use them otherwise.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand and One Hundred ²/₃ and Forty-eight ⁸²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26,148.80) in Gold Coin, ²/₃ and Three Hundred ²/₃ and Seventy-seven ⁴¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$377.41) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred ²/₃ and Twenty-six ²¹/₁₀₀ Dollars - (\$26,526.21), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 14, dated January 22, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 24, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 14, dated Jan'y, 22, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 14, dated January 15, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$26,594.15; charges \$67.94, ^{and} net value \$26,526.21. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

January 24, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement a bill of Messrs Eastburn & Co., Philadelphia, for

2 Doz. corn brooms bought for the use of your Mint amounting to \$4.50, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890. The balance to the credit of this appropriation, after this payment, is \$105.69.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 24, 1891.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{my} settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in Charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise, Charlotte ^{and} St. Louis, for the month ending December 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{my} settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending December 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters ~~except as follows~~, to the following: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

January 26, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the United States Treasurer at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 26, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 26, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Jan'y. 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for Special assay have been received, viz:—

4 S. S. Dollars, Del.	\$5-4 ⁶ ,-	<u>\$4.00</u>
10 Dimes,	" \$4,-	<u>1.00</u>
Total, —		<u>\$5.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	—		
4 S. S. Dollars, Del.	\$14-4 ¹⁵ ,-	<u>\$4.00</u>			

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	—	
2 S. S. Dollars, Del.	\$82,-	<u>\$2.00</u>			

Similar, to same address:—

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	—	
2 Half-Eagles, Del.	\$23,-	<u>\$10.00</u>			

Superintendent, U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	—	
2 S. S. Dollars, Del.	\$8,-	<u>\$2.00</u>			

January 26, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 19th. inst. relative to the unexpended balance of your appropriations for the current fiscal year, it is my opinion that the unexpended balance of the appropriation for contingent ^{and} incidental expenses will be found sufficient for the business of the year, but if it is not, I will endeavor to place at your disposal other funds for necessary expenses. For the present the order of June 7, 1890 will remain in force.

In regard to the appropriation for wages of workmen, I would suggest that you ascertain approximately, what the deficiency will be in this appropriation for the current fiscal year, at the present rate of wages, with your present force, ^{and} distribute the amount during the last four months of the fiscal year by requisitions on the appropriation contained in the Act of July 14, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 26, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your communication of the 19th. inst. relative to certain statements made by the Attorney of the Mining Stock Association, has been received, ^{and} I wish to say that I am highly gratified to learn from the correspondence

which you enclose, that the statements which have been made to the effect that you were withholding information from this Association are false.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

January 27, 1891.

J. C. Mendenhall, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the bill of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the plate of pure gold forwarded you on the 20th. inst. amounting to \$138.85, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech.

Director.

January 27, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred ^{and} Twenty-four ⁷⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$10,824.76) in Gold Coin and One Hundred ^{and} Fifty-one ⁸⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,51.84) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred ^{and} Seventy-six ⁵⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$10,976.59), being the net value of Bullion here-

to be forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by Memorandum No. 17, dated Jan'y. 24, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 27, 1891
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 17, dated Jan'y. 24, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 17, dated Jan'y. 17, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$11,006.44; charges \$29.85, ^{and} net value \$10,976.59. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 27, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Letter similar to the foregoing, to:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

January 28, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Forward to night if possible copy of
 the letter of the silver brick men to you ⁱⁿ
 your reply. We wish to use it in evidence.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 28, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— The Secretary to-day addressed a strong
 letter to the Speaker of the House of Repre-
 sentatives, urging prompt ^{and} favorable ac-
 tion upon the bill now on the House cal-
 endar for a new mint in your city.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 28, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
 during the month of Jan. 1891, ²⁴ forwarded
 to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay
 have been received, viz:—

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #83, — \$2.⁰⁰

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Letters similar to the foregoing to the following: (exceptions noted).

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

	+		+		+		+
+		+		+		+	-
2 S. S. Dollars, Del.	#23, -					\$2.00	
2 S. S. " "	#24, -					<u>2.00</u>	
Total, -						<u>\$4.00</u>	

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

	+		+		+		+
+		+		+		+	-
2 S. S. Dollars, Del.	#9, -					<u>\$2.00</u>	

January 28, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed please find two dollars in payment of the bronze medal of President Harrison ordered by telegraph to-day.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1891.

Hon. Thomas B. Reed, Speaker,

House of Representatives.

Sir:

On February 18, 1890, I had the honor to address a communication to the Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings ^{and} Grounds, recommending the passage of the bill for the sale of the present site ^{and} the purchase of a new site, ^{and} the erection of a suitable building for the mint at Philadelphia. In my

annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, I again directed the attention of Congress to the necessity of enacting this measure into a law at the present session of Congress.

As stated in my letter of February 18, 1890, I am fully convinced, from a personal inspection of the premises, of the serious difficulties under which the mint labors, through the crowded condition in every department of the building ^{and} lack of space, for the intricate ^{and} important processes through which the precious metals have to go in order to produce the perfect coin.

— Attention was also directed to the fact that it was practically impossible, through lack of ground space, to enlarge the mint on the present site, except in the height of the building, which the heavy machinery ^{and} large amount of metal to be handled as well as the delicate operations of coinage made impracticable.

— To the difficulties of space for the operations of the mint then enumerated is now added the lack of storage capacity for the large quantities of silver bullion which the Government is required to purchase. — The passage of the Act of July 14, 1890, requiring the purchase monthly of 4,500,000 ounces of silver, the bulk of which is purchased at the mint at Philadelphia, renders imperative some action by Congress looking to the erection of a new building for the mint in that city.

After a careful examination of the basement of the mint it is apparent that the actual available storage capacity, including all space that can be made available without embarrassing the already crowded

operations of the mint, is about equal to the storage of 20,000,000 additional ounces of silver, or about six months purchases at Philadelphia, so that if the purchase of silver continues at the present rate the entire storage capacity of the mint will be exhausted before the close of the present year.

I have the honor, therefore, to again direct attention to House Bill 9957, favorably reported from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds (House Report No. 2326) which provides for the purchase of a site ^{and} the erection of a building thereon for the mint at Philadelphia, ^{and} to urge upon Congress the importance of prompt ^{and} favorable action thereon.

It is believed that a sum can be obtained from the sale of the present site sufficient to cover the cost of the new site ^{and} about one-half of the cost of the new building, ^{and} as the bill reported from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds involves no present appropriation, I earnestly request that it be enacted into a law.

Enclosed herewith I transmit a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, addressed to the Director giving the present storage capacity of the mint.

Very respectfully,
William Windom,
Secretary.

G. E. Bailey, Esq.,

Rapid City, S. Dakota.

Sir:

As requested by you I transmit herewith

January 29, 1891.

a statement showing the deposits of gold from Dakota at the U. S. Assay Office at New York during the calendar year 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1890, ^{my} regarding Silver purchase #98 of 173 ozs., Aug. 16, 1890, I find the Assayer has imposed a charge of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cts. for Parting ^{my} 1 ct. for Toughening.

Your Abstract sheets show a charge of only $1\frac{1}{2}$ cts., Parting ^{my} 1 ct. Toughening, - making a difference of $\$4.73$ in the charges on the deposit. — Please explain by return mail.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of Jan. 1891, ^{my} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: -

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$25,- \$2.08

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Letters similar to the foregoing, ^{except as follows,} to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +
+ + + + + —
2 S. S. Dolls., Del. #19, - \$2.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +
+ + + + + —
2 S. S. Dolls., Del. #10, - \$2.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— + + + + +
+ + + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #85, - \$2.00

Similar, except as follows, to same address: -

— + + + + +
+ + + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #84, - \$2.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 29, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your mint during the month of January, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

Letters similar to the foregoing, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nevada.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

January 29, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is with regret that I forward the resignation of Mr. Henry L. Hayes, as stenographer in this bureau, with the recommendation that it take effect at the close of business on the 31st. inst.

Mr. Hayes has been a conscientious ^{and} efficient clerk in this bureau, ^{and} his retirement from the Department is a loss to the public service.

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. P. H. Devine, clerk at \$1,000. in the office of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury, be transferred ^{and} appointed stenographer in this bureau at a compensation of \$1,400. per annum, vice H. L. Hayes, resigned.

As Mr. Devine was appointed in the Department as a stenographer by certification from the Civil Service Commission, ^{and} is at present rendering very satisfactory service in that capacity, I would respectfully suggest that the usual Department examination for promotion be waived in his case. (Over)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Forward the usual order for the signature of the Secretary, covering the payment ^{and} entertainment of Annual Assay Commission. I have no copy of it here.

Follow the course of last year.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 29, 1891.
J. M. Bailey, Jr., Esq.,
Sixty Falls, S. Dakota.
Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 26th. inst., accepting the appointment as one of the Assay Commissioners, I would say that the Commission meets in Philadelphia on Wednesday February 11th., ^{and} not on the 15th. as stated in your letter.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1891.
R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
"Judge" Building, New York.
Dear Mr. Harrison:

I send you by express to-day the bronze copy of the medal of your father, which you requested. — There is

no charge for it.

Very truly yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 30, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

— If you have not a stock of mourn-
ing material purchase a limited quantity of
black goods for your institution to be draped in
mourning for a period of thirty days on ac-
count of the death of Secretary Windom who
was a devoted friend of the mint service.

Have your employes do the work of draping.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

(Over) —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

January 31, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of January, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:—

2 U. S. Dollars, Del. \$20, — \$2.02.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 31, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— If not too late I wish you would change the die of the assay medal to the bust of Secretary Windom.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

January 31, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

C. D. No. 298, for \$608.24, being on account of balance of appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, 'Act Feb'y, 28, 1878,' inclosed in your communication of the

Telegram.

Confirmed.

24th instant, has been received, properly indossed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Standard Silver Dollar accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above named appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 31, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Assayer of this Bureau forwards by express to-day a box containing three packages of bullion resulting from the monthly examination of coins.

One package contains 37.35 ounces of cut up gold coins for which you will return, without melting, the exact weight ^{and} standard fineness. — The second contains 1.95 ounces of gold cornets, ^{and} the third contains a bar of silver weighing 256.70 ounces. — I will thank you to pay for 31.20 ounces of this at the subsidiary silver coining rate ^{and} the remainder 225.50 ounces at standard silver dollar rate.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 31, 1891.

Hon. A. B. Nettleton,Act'g. Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, W. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

+ + + + +

of the United States Mint at New Orleans, be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury notes, + + + + +

+ + + + +

January 31, 1891.

Assayer, W. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Letter, similar to the foregoing, except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

— + + + +
by a transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dol-
lars (\$500,000.) + + + +
+ + in Treasury notes.

January 31, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Bullion Accounts with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for
the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

January 31, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Telegram.

You are hereby instructed to close your
institution to all business on Monday, Febru-
ary second, the date of the funeral of Sec-
retary Windom.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Confirmed.

(Over) —

Confirmed.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Confirmed.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Telegram.

January 31, 1891.
Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

— No purchases of silver will be made
until fourth proximo.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram.

January 31, 1891.
Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Inform sellers of silver bullion that no

Confirmed. purchases will be made by Department until fourth proximo.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 31, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram.

Resume local purchases of silver on third proximo ^{and} pay until otherwise instructed, one hundred - two ^{and} half cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

February 3, 1891.

The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith two silver life saving medals struck in compliance with your requests of the 10th ^{and} 13th ultimo.

I also inclose the account of the Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, receipted in duplicate, for the medals, cases, riders, etc., amounting to \$21.60, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted to him.

under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1891.

Chief Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{my} settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery ^{my} Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., for the month ending December 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1891.

The Director of the Mint,

Sir:

You are authorized to follow the same procedure this year as last as to the mode of paying the travelling expenses of the persons designated as Assay Commissioners, ^{and} the expenses of the usual entertainment of the Commission.

Very respectfully,
A. B. Nettleton,
Acting Secretary.

February 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper

accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending December 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 3, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram. — Reduce purchasing rate of silver to
one hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ two cents per ounce fine, to take
Confirmed. effect immediately.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Inclosed herewith I transmit the authority for the payment of the traveling expenses of the Assay Commissioners, ^{and} the expenses of their usual entertainment.

In this connection I would say that Mr. Charles Parsons has declined the appointment.

I will furnish you the name of the person appointed in his stead as soon as the appointment is made.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1891.

Pennsylvania Co., for Insurance
on Lives by Granting Annuities,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

As the Department was closed yesterday, no offers of silver were considered.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:—

Fourth National Bank,
New York City.

February 3, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company, for ten tons ingot copper, shipped you on the 26th ultimo, through the Quartermaster's Department, amounting to \$2,850.-. On receipt of the copper, you will please forward them a draft on New York for the amount. To enable you to make payment in this manner, I have requested that an advance of \$2,850.- be made you from the appropriation for the coinage of silver bullion, Act of July 14, 1890, ^{and} that the same be placed to

your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please cause to be coined in February one million silver dollars, five hundred thousand dollars of which will be from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, ^{and} the balance from bullion purchased under Act of February 28, 1878.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1891.

Baltimore Copper, Smelting ^{and} Rolling Co.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Your account - for ten tons of Ingot Copper, shipped to San Francisco, through the Quartermaster's Department, has been submitted to the Superintendent of that institution, with instructions to forward you a draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for the amount, viz: - \$2,850.-.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You will cause 686,000 silver dollars to be
 coined by your Mint during the month of February.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + +
 1,200,000 silver dollars + + +.

February 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
 during the month of Jan'y 1891, and forwarded to
 the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have
 been received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$86, — \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

Sup't. Mint, Carson, —

— + + + + +
 + + + + —
 2 Eagles, Del. \$24, — \$20.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +

+ + + + + + -
 2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$21, - \$2.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

- + + + + +
 + + + + -
 2 Quarter Dollars, Del. 29, - .50^c

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

- + + + + +
 + + + + + -
 2 Double Eagles, Del. \$10, - \$40.00
 2 S. S. Dollars, " \$14, - 2.00
 Total, - \$42.00

February 3, 1891.

John H. Blandy,
Prescott, Arizona.

Telegram.

— Circulars for eighteen ninety sent
 October seventeenth.

E. O. Leach,
 Director, Mint.

February 4, 1891.

Messrs Farrel & Co.,
#627, Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your favor of the 21st ult. relative to furnishing Four Grill Doors, with Key locks, to close the Passage-ways around the Lattice Cages of the new vault in the mint at New Orleans; your offer to furnish the same for \$300.00 is accepted. (over)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have accepted the offer of Farrel & Co., to furnish Four Grill Doors, with key locks, to close the passage ways around the lattice cages of the new vault in your mint for the sum of \$300. Upon the completion of the work you are authorized to pay Farrel & Co., this amount from the appropriation for the coinage of the silver dollar.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In answer to yours of the 30th. ult., will say that the Abstract sheets show that a Parting charge of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents, meant to have been imposed on \$92 Silver purchase of 173 ounces, but \$2.59 is a charge of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents only. Consequently there will be a disallowance in your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ended September 30, 1890, of the difference, \$1.73.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be one-hundred two- $\frac{3}{4}$ -half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram.

— Advance purchasing rate of silver to one-hundred two- $\frac{3}{4}$ -half cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

February 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of January, 1891, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regula-

tions. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Jan'y. 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$30, — \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the fol-

lowing parties, at the rates ^{my} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{my} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

<u>Fourth National Bank, -</u>	<u>44,000</u>	Ounces, at	<u>\$1.0266-</u>
<u>Fourth National Bank, -</u>	<u>29,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0270.</u>
<u>Fourth National Bank, -</u>	<u>33,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0276-</u>
<u>H. N. Paul, -</u>	<u>30,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0276-</u>
<u>Nesbitt, Colgate & Co., -</u>	<u>67,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0260.</u>
<u>American Exchange Natl. Bank, -</u>	<u>62,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0270.</u>
<u>Handy & Harman, -</u>	<u>26,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0260.</u>
<u>Handy & Harman, -</u>	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0270.</u>
<u>Penna. Co. for Insurance on</u>			
<u>Lives ^{my} Granting Annuities, -</u>	<u>45,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0262.</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	—
Boston & Colorado					
Smelting Company, — <u>135,000</u> Ounces, at <u>\$1.0270.</u>					

February 4, 1891.

Heidelberg, Ischelheimer & Co.,

New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Your offer received too late for consideration.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 4, 1891.

Telegram. W. Louisa & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Your offer declined.

Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed. Shanhauer & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. Clark, Dodge & Co.,
#51, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed. J. & S. Hoemser,
New York.

Confirmed. Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

Similar, except as follows, to the following: —

Confirmed. J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

— + offers +

Confirmed. Grimmerman & Horshay,
11, Wall St., New York.

February 4, 1891.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Telegram. — Your offer of forty-four thousand ounces at one dollar two sixty-five, ^{and} twenty-nine thousand ounces at one dollar two ^{and} seven-tenths ^{and} thirty-three thousand ounces at one dollar two ^{and} three-quarters accepted. Others declined.

Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:—

Wandy & Harman,

24, Nassau St. New York.

— + + of twenty-five thousand
 ounces at one dollar two $\frac{1}{4}$ six-tenths, $\frac{1}{4}$ twenty-five
 thousand ounces at one dollar two $\frac{1}{4}$ seven-tenths ac-
 cepted. + + .

Confirmed.

February 4, 1891.

Pennsylvania Co. for Ins. $\frac{1}{4}$ Annuities,

Telegram

Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

American Exchange National Bank,

New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

29 Wall St. New York.

H. N. Paul,

Care, Wandy & Harman,

24, Nassau St., New York.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,

Denver, Colo.

February 5, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Helena, Mont.

Telegram

— Fifty Thousand dollars placed to your
 credit at New York.

E. O. Leech,

Director

Confirmed.

February 5, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000-), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

— + + + + +
 by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000-)
 + + + + +

February 5, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Jan'y. 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: -

2 U. S. Dollars, Del. \$15,- \$2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

— + + + + +
 4 U. S. Dollars, Del. \$87 + \$88,- \$4.00

February 5, 1891.

Hon. A. B. Nettleton,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: -

— + + + +
 + + at Boise, be increased in the sum
 of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.) by
 a transfer of that amount + + +
 + + + + + + +.

February 5, 1891.

Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.,New York.

Gentlemen:

Your telegram of yesterday offering 50,000 ounces @ $102\frac{3}{4}$ cents per ounce fine, was delivered to this Bureau at 3 P. M., when reply was made by wire, - "your offer received too late for consideration." — This is the rule in all cases when offers are received after 10 o'clock P. M.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please have prepared ^{and} mounted, one gold life saving medal ^{and} forward the same with case, as early as practicable, accompanied by your account for the same to this Bureau.

Respectfully, yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$613.90, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:—

Salaries, — 1891, — \$213.90

Wages of Workmen ^{and}

Contingent Expenses, — 1891, — \$400.00

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

— + + + + +
 + + for the sum of \$2,000.00 +
 + + + + + + +
 Salaries, — 1891, — \$900.00

Wages of Workmen, - 1891, - \$1,100.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

— + + + + + + +
+ + for the sum of \$2,000. + +
+ + + + + + + -

Salaries, - 1891, - \$500.

Wages of Workmen, - 1891, - \$1,500.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + + + +
+ + for the sum of \$10,200. + +
+ + + + + + + -

Salaries, - 1891, - \$2,700.

Wages of Workmen, - 1891, - 4,000.

Contingent Expenses, - 1891, - 3,500.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

— + + + + + + +
+ + for the sum of \$5,000. + +
+ + + + + + + -

Salaries, - 1891, - \$3,000.

Wages of Workmen, - 1891, - 1,800.

Contingent Expenses, - 1891, - 800.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + + + +
+ + for the sum of \$22,000. + +
+ + + + + + + -

Salaries, - 1891, - \$4,000.

Wages of Workmen, - 1891, - \$16,000.

Contingent Expenses, - 1891, - 2,000.
(over)

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	for the sum of <u>\$472.20</u>				+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Salaries, -				1891, -	<u>\$272.20</u>		
Wages of Workmen ^{and}							
Contingent Expenses, -				1891, -	<u>\$200.00.</u>		

February 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Acting Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$6,000. from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, Act, February 28, 1878, to meet in part the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

February 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8,000., to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting ^{and} Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Letter similar to the foregoing except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + + +
 + + the sum of \$12,000. — + + +
 + + + + + + +

February 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination ^{and} settlement, an account of the Louisville ^{and} Nashville Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of November, 1890, from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, of Mint supplies, amounting to \$166; consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1891. Duplicate bill ^{and} Bfd. herewith.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

February 5, 1891.

Messrs Oelrichs ^{and} Co.,

New York.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 2nd. inst., addressed to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, suggesting that the value of the gold rouble of Russia be proclaimed as well as the value of the silver rouble, I will say that the matter will receive consideration at my hands.

In this connection permit me to direct

your attention to the fact that the value of all the gold coins of Russia are declared in the table of the value of foreign coins. The universal practice has been to declare the value of the monetary unit which, by law, in Russia is the silver rouble, but as a matter of information the value of the gold coins are also declared.

As bearing upon this subject may I ask you for your authority for the statement that the Russian paper currency on its face, promises to pay either gold or silver roubles? If you have one of the paper roubles of Russia I would be glad to see it ^{and} will return it.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward by mail to-day the record of coins reserved for annual assay for the month of July, 1890. There is nothing in the records of this office showing that it was ever received.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Telegraph me to-day ^{and} send statement by mail showing how many silver dollars can be coined out of a cubic foot of silver bull-

ion, same from cubic foot of Gold for gold dollars.
How many silver dollars can be stored within
the space of a cubic foot. Same information for
gold.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

February 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram.

— Forward by mail to-day record of
coins reserved for annual assay, for month of
February, eighteen ninety.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

February 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
during the month of Feb. 1891, ^{are} forwarded
to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay.
have been received, viz:—

2 Double Eagles,	Del.	\$15,-	\$40.00
2 Eagles,	"	\$16,-	20.00
2 S. S. Dollars,	"	\$31,-	2.00
Total			\$62.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+	—
2 S. S. Dollars,	Del.	\$22,-	\$2.00				

February 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

<u>Fourth National Bank, -</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>Ounces, at</u>	<u>\$1.0170.</u>
<u>Fourth National Bank, -</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>1.0190.</u>
<u>Fourth National Bank, -</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>1.0198.</u>
<u>J. & H. Seligman & Co., -</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>1.0220.</u>
<u>Handy & Harman, -</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>1.0220.</u>
<u>Handy & Harman, -</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>1.0222.</u>
<u>Handy & Harman, -</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>1.0225.</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

February 6, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers for the month ending January 3, 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Similar, except as follows, to: -

Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + Ordinary, Re-
finery & Coinage & Silver Bullion Expense Accounts
with abstracts & vouchers, + + +.

February 6, 1891.

B. Westerman & Co.,

838, Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

Please order for the use of this bu-
reau copies of the "London Banker's Magazines"
for the months of July, September & November,
1889, to supply missing numbers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

February 6, 1891.

Homan Publishing Co.,

251, Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

Please send for the use of this
bureau a copy of each of your Banker's Mag-
azines for the months of February & March,
1889, to supply missing numbers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

February 6, 1891.

Editor, Engineering & Mining Journal,

27, Park Place, New York

Telegram.

— The Treasury Department purchased
five hundred & seven thousand ounces of

fine silver to-day.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to: -

Editor, Commercial & Financial Chronicle,
102, William St., New York.

February 6, 1891.

Gummerman & Horshay,
11, Wall St., New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer received too late for con-
sideration. Would have been declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

February 6, 1891.

Anglo California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: -

Weidbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
57, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Laidlaw & Co.,
New York, N.Y.

Confirmed.

Confirmed J. & S. Wormsee,
New York.

February 6, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram. — Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one
hundred ^{gr} two cents per ounce fine, imme-
Confirmed. diately.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Confirmed

February 6, 1891.

Hendy & Harman,
24, Nassau St. New York.

Telegram.

— Your offers accepted.

Confirmed

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to: —
Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

February 6, 1891.

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of fifty-thousand ounces
at one dollar two twenty accepted. Other

declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

February 7, 1891.

Hon. A. B. Nettleton,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars (17,882.38), in Gold Coin and Sixty-two $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars (62.83) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{21}{100}$ (17,945.21), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 7, dated February 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows to same address:—

+ + + + +
of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of
the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of
Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-six
 $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars (39,596.53) in Gold Coin and Four Hun-
dred and Thirty-three $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars (433.26), in Sil-
ver Coin, making a total of Forty Thousand and
Twenty-nine $\frac{79}{100}$ (40,029.79) + + +
+ + + + +
as shown by Memorandum No. 15, dated Feb'y.
4, 1891, + + + + +

February 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Feby. 1891, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: -

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #23, - \$2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
2	Half-Eagles,	Del.	#17, -		\$10.00	
2	Quarter-Eagles,	"	#18, -		5.00	
	Total, -				<u>\$15.00</u>	

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
2	S. S. Dollars,	Del.	#16, -		<u>\$2.00</u>	

February 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith two silver life saving medals received from you a few days since, ^{and} which have been returned to this Bureau by the Secretary of the Treasury. — Complaint is made of the manner in which the rider is attached, ^{and}

the medals are returned in order that this imperfection may be corrected. — I have to request that hereafter you will be particular to see that the riders are properly attached, so as not to blemish the medals, as is the case with these now returned.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to Memorandum No. 18, of Gold Bullion received from the U. S. Assay Office, ^{and} of the invoice of the same received by this Bureau, I find that the Assayer at Helena gives the fineness of the Gold as $775\frac{1}{2}$, ^{and} of the Silver as 209. — Before making a request for the transfer, I have requested from the Assayer at Helena, an explanation of the difference between his assays ^{and} that of your institution.

Please examine your assays.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated Feb'y. 11, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1, dated Jan'y. 31, 1891, has been received ^{and} ex-

amined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$17,986.60; charges \$41.39, ^{and} net value \$17,945.21. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Sir: — + + No. 15, dated Feb'y.
 4, 1891, + + + + +
 Shipment No. 15, dated Jan'y, 31, 1891, + +
 + + + ^{and} the gross value found to
 be \$40,129.07; charges \$99.28, ^{and} net value
 \$40,029.79. For the latter amount +
 + + + + +.

February 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

February 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith statement of silver de-

livered by Kisslage, Colgate ^{and} Company, of New York, on their sale of the 4th. instant, with the information that their sale of this date was 57,000 ounces ^{and} not 28,000, for which returns are made.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Telegram.

— Action on appointment of Sterling suspended. You will take no action of any kind in the matter until you receive my letter which goes by mail to-day.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

February 7, 1891.

Daniel M. Houser,
President, "Globe Democrat,"
St. Louis, Mo.

Telegram.

— The President requests me to tender you the appointment as one of the Annual Assay Commissioners to test the coinage of the mints.

The Commission meets at Philadelphia, next Wednesday morning at ten o'clock ^{and} will be in session about three days.

No compensation is allowed, but all expenses are paid. — Please answer by wire at Government expense.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

February 7, 1891.

Assayer, W. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Telegram.

Bar, number four sixty-nine is reported by Philadelphia at seven sixty-five, one-half gold $\frac{3}{4}$ two-twenty silver. You report it seven seventy-five, one-half gold $\frac{3}{4}$ two hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ nine silver.

Confirmed.

There is evidently a serious blunder in the assay of this bar. Have the matter looked into ^{our} report by mail.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

February 7, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ one cents per ounce fine immediately.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to the following: —
Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 9, 1891.

To the
Board of Assay Commissioners of 1891.
 Gentlemen:

I have the honor to inform you that

during the calendar year 1890 no changes were made in any of the executive offices of the United States mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans and Carson.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to petty voucher 154 of your ordinary expense account for the month of January, for carriage hire, I would say that this is an expenditure not authorized by the regulations and the item is suspended for explanation.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5,000— from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion," Act July 14th. 1890, to meet in part, the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

	+	+	+	+	+
the sum of \$6,000.	+		+	+	
+	+	+	+	+	+

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,500. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting & refining bullion."

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

	+	+	+	+
the sum of \$2,000.	+		+	+
+	+	+	+	+

February 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In addition to the names already sent you the President has appointed Mr. Daniel M. Houser, of St. Louis, Mo., one of the Annual Assay Commissioners.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

February 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 3rd. instant you are hereby authorized to contract for ^{and} purchase the double outside iron shutters for the protection of your Mint, at a price not to exceed that mentioned in your letter. In order to secure the best terms practicable I would advise you to invite proposals, if there is more than one establishment in your city that can manufacture them.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

February 9, 1891.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your telegram of to-day, relative to the item of \$701.50, submitted to the House in executive document No. 167, being a deficiency in the appropriation for wages of workmen at the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the current fiscal year, I have the honor to state that owing to the increased business of that institution it was found necessary at the beginning of the fiscal year to employ an additional melter, ^{and} the appropriation made for the current fiscal year is lacking by the amount named (\$701.50) to pay the wages of this melter for the current year. — Unless the appropriation is made it will be necessary to discharge this

melter ^{and} employ only one melter, which will seriously delay the business of the assay office.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$849., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz: -

Salaries, - 1891. \$249.

Wages of Workmen, ²⁷

Contingent Expenses, - 1891. \$600.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nevada.

— + + + +
+ + for the sum of \$6,225. +
+ + + of your Mint +
+ + + -

Salaries, - 1891, - \$2,500.

Wages of Workmen, - 1891, - 2,500.

Contingent Expenses, - 1891, - 1,225.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + (over) -

+	+	+	for the sum of	<u>\$27,500.</u>
+	+	+	+	+
Salaries, -	1891, -			<u>\$3,000.</u>
Wages of Workmen, -	1891, -			<u>15,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses, -	1891, -			<u>9,000.</u>

February 9, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts ^{of} vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

Wand & Harman, -	<u>40,000</u>	Ounces, at	<u>\$1.0095-</u>
Wand & Harman, -	<u>20,000</u>	" "	<u>1.01</u>
American Exchange	" "	" "	" "
National Bank, -	<u>90,000</u>	" "	<u>1.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice you will pay for silver
 in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, at the rate of
 one dollar per ounce fine.

Very respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nevada.

Telegram

Confirmed

— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one
 dollar per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Confirmed

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

February 9, 1891.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Telegram

Confirmed

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Boston^{ny} Colorado Smelting Co.,

Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

(Over) —

Confirmed. Zimmerman & Hochay,
11, Wall St. New York City.

Confirmed. Lewis J. Rees,
11, Hall St., New York City.

Confirmed. E. Mitchell,
New York City.

Confirmed. Clark, Dodge & Co.,
67, Wall St., New York City.

Confirmed. Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. National Bank of the Republic,
New York.

Similar, except as follows, to: —

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed. — + offers +

February 9, 1891.

Laidlaw & Co.,
New York.

Telegram. — Your offer will not be considered. It would not be fair to other bidders. Only such offers as state a specific price will be considered by the Department.

Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1891.

Telegram. American Exchange National Bank,
New York City.
— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Confirmed.

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —

Wand & Harman,24, Nassau St., New York City.Confirmed. — + + of forty thousand ounces
at one hundred ³/₄ one, accepted. Others declined.

February 10, 1891.

American Exchange National Bank,

Telegram.

New York.

— Your offer was accepted.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 10, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
during the month of Feb'y., 1891, ^{my} forwarded to
the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have
been received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$35, — \$2. ✓

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,Acting, Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address. —

— + + + +
+ + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$24, — \$2. ✓

Similar, except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.— + + + +
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$19, — \$2. ✓

February 10, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Feby., 1891, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. — The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting, Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 11, 1891.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., for the month ending January 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting, Director of the Mint.

Letters similar to the foregoing except as follows, to same address, —

— + + + + the
Ordinary ^{my} Refinery Expense accounts of the Superin-
tendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City,
+ + + + +

— + + + + the
Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion
accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint
at Philadelphia, + + + + +

February 11, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 18, dated Feb'y. 6, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 18, dated Jan'y. 31, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$23,807.82; charges \$61.42, ^{and} net value \$23,746.40. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1891.

Hon. A. B. Nettleton,
Act'g. Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San

San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1891.

Hon. A. B. Nettleton,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-three Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-two ¹⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars, — (\$23,462.19), in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Eighty-four ²¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$284.21), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-six ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, — (\$23,746.40), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 18, dated February 6, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

February 11, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: — I have to acknowledge the receipt of your

Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts ^{by} Vouchers,
for the Month ending January 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting, Director.

February 11, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting, Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting, Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, to the following:—
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, City.

+ + + (Over) +

your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense Accounts +
+ + + + + + +.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + +
your Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver
Bullion accounts + + + + +.

February 11, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please explain the alloy charge on Gold deposits \$211²⁴ & \$212, August 14, 1890. — The charge as shown on Abstract sheet is a 1-cent charge.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting, Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1891.

R. F. Goggin, Esq.,
Agent, N. Y. Life Insurance Co.,
Erie, Pa.

Sir:

The Imports ^{and} Exports of Silver Coin ^{and} Bullion during the calendar year 1890, is as follows: —

	<u>Imports of Silver Coin.</u>	<u>Exports of Silver Coin.</u>
Foreign, —	\$13,887,530.	\$10,433,360.
Domestic, —	384,435.	104,271.
Total, —	<u>\$14,271,965.</u>	<u>\$10,537,631.</u>

(See next page) —

Export of Silver Bullion.

Foreign, -	\$8, 240.
Domestic, -	\$15, 993, 918.
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$16, 002, 158.</u>

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting, Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Received from Bank of California
one hundred ³/₄ forty thousand ounces at one
hundred ³/₄ one, six-tenths cents per ounce fine.
R. E. Preston,
Acting, Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1891.

Edward Burns, Esq.,
Cashier, American Exchange National Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th.,
instant, inclosing telegram "misposting" to come
from this office, declining your offer of sil-
ver at \$1.01. Upon receipt of your letter
yesterday, you were immediately telegraphed
that your offer was accepted. The press-copy
of the telegram sent you on Monday, distinctly
reads: - "Your offer accepted".

And the confirmation sent by mail is an
exact copy of the telegram as delivered to the
Telegraph Company. The fault, therefore, lies
with the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Great care is exercised by this Bureau
in sending out these telegrams, careful com-

parison being made before they are allowed to leave the office.

I would add that notwithstanding the fact the telegram delivered to you read - "your offer declined," the Department, in case silver had declined, would have received the silver from you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion, under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

Fourth National Bank, - 32,000 Ounces, at \$1.0185.
Hendy & Harman, - 175,000 " \$1.0190.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	-

Boston ^{and} Colorado
Smelting Company, - 60,000 Ounces, at \$1.0180.

February 11, 1891.

Hon. E. O. Leech,
Care of U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Telegram.

— Have mailed you letter to Hotel Lafayette.
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting, Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1891.

Telegram.

J. & S. Hornsler,
New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting, Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Confirmed.

Nesbitt, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

Gimmesman & Horshay,
11 Wall St., New York.

February 11, 1891.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting, Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams, except as follows to the following:—

Laidlaw & Co.,
New York.

— + + on behalf of Bank of California accepted.

(Over) —

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

— + + of thirty-nine thousand at one hundred ^{and} one, eighty-five accepted. Other declined.

Wandy, Harman & Co.,

24, Nassau St., New York.

— + + of one hundred ^{and} seventy-five thousand at one hundred ^{and} one, ninety, accepted. Others declined.

February 12, 1891.

Honorable E. O. Leach,

Care of U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Application at New York for one million in gold bars for shipment. Shall I authorize it?

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 12, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— You are authorized to exchange eleven hundred ^{and} fifty thousand dollars, gold bars for gold coin.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 12, 1891.

Superintendent Assay Office,

New York.

Telegram.

— You are authorized to exchange six hundred thousand dollars in gold bars for

gold coin.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

February 12, 1891.

Morell Marcan, Esq.,
Manager, Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On the 9th. instant a telegram was sent by this Bureau to the American Exchange National Bank, New York City, as follows: -

"Your offer accepted".

The message as delivered at the bank, reads: -
"your offer declined."

The mistake in the telegraphing of this message is a serious one, as it is of the utmost importance to the Department that the despatches should be transmitted correctly, and I have to request that you will inform me how an error of this nature could occur.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 12, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco.

Telegram.

— One million in Treasury notes placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

February 13, 1891.

Editor, Commercial and Financial Chronicle,
102, Williamis Street,
New York

Telegram.

— The Treasury Department purchased to-day six hundred ⁷⁴ seventy thousand five hundred ounces of silver.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram to: —

Editor, Engineering and Mining Journal,
27, Park Place,
New York.

February 13, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts ^{and} vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans La.

+	+	+	+	Ordinary
and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with				
Abstracts ^{and} vouchers,	+	+	+	
+	+	+	+	—

February 13, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C.P. No. 327, for \$5.04, being on account

of D. M. Room Sweeps, Dr. endg, Dec. 31, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 6th. inst., has been received, properly indorsed ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

February 13, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Condit. Trans. City S. & F. Co. —	22,000	Ounces, @	\$1.00375.
Condit. Trans. City S. & F. Co. —	16,500	" "	1.0045.
American Exch. Natl. Bank. —	32,000	" "	1.0090.
Clark, Dodge & Co., —	50,000	" "	1.0090.
Nesslage, Colgate & Co., —	50,000	" "	1.0084.
Grimmerman & Gorshay, —	50,000	" "	1.0084.
Wandy & Warman, —	360,000	" "	1.0079.
Wandy & Warman, —	25,000	" "	1.0081.
Wandy & Warman, —	25,000	" "	1.0083.
Wandy & Warman, —	25,000	" "	1.0085.
Wandy & Warman, —	25,000	" "	1.00875.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 13, 1891.

Lewis J. Rees,Telegram. 11, Wall St., New York.Confirmed. — Your offer declined.Confirmed. R. E. Preston,Acting Director of the Mint.Similar telegrams to the following: —Confirmed. J. & S. Hornisee,New York.Confirmed. Selby Smelting and Lead Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.Confirmed. Hells, Fargo & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.Similar except as follows, to: —Confirmed. Weidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,
New York.Confirmed. — + offers +

February 13, 1891.

Grimmerman & Gorshay,Telegram. 11, Wall St., New York.Confirmed. — Your offer accepted.Confirmed. R. E. Preston,Acting Director of the Mint.Similar telegrams to the following: —Confirmed. American Exchange Nat'l. Bank,New York.Confirmed. Neslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall St., New York.Similar except as follows, to the following: —Confirmed. Clark, Dodge & Co.,New York.Confirmed. — + + of fifty thousand ounces at

one dollar $\frac{3}{4}$ nine-tenths cents accepted. Other declined.

Confirmed

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
29, Nassau St., New York.

— + offers +

Confirmed

Wandy ^{Wm} Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

February 13, 1891.

Hon. William B. Allison,

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations,

United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On the 7th. instant, the House of Representatives adopted the following amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill: -

"And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to transfer to the United States mints for recoinage any silver half-dollars now in the Treasury, or any of the sub-Treasury offices, and so much as may be necessary to meet the expenses of such recoinage is hereby appropriated out of the silver profit fund."

There are about nineteen millions of subsidiary silver coin in the Treasury, consisting almost exclusively of half-dollars, for which there is little demand, while the demand for quarters and dimes, especially the latter, has been such as to tax the mints very heavily to supply the same.

By far the larger portion of the half-dollars now in the Treasury are worn and abraded and necessarily a loss will follow in their melting. In their present shape, there is no demand for them, while, if recoined into other denominations, they would become

available, ^{and} add to that extent to the circulating medium of the country. — I have, therefore, to request that the amendment adopted by the House to the Sundry Civil Bill, providing for the recoinage of this subsidiary silver coin, will be favorably considered by the Senate.

Respectfully yours,
A. B. Nettleton,
Acting Secretary.

February 14, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 18, dated Jan'y. 31, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 18, dated Jan'y. 24, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$8,490.86; charges \$22.18, ^{and} net value \$8,468.68. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 14, 1891.

Hon. A. B. Nettleton,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eight Thousand Three

Hundred ³⁴/₁₀₀ Seventy-seven ⁸⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$8,377.86) in Gold Coin, ⁸²/₁₀₀ Ninety (\$90.82) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eight Thousand Four Hundred ⁶⁸/₁₀₀ Sixty-eight (\$8,468.68), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 18, dated January 31, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting, Director.

February 14, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Receipt for Gold deposit #649, date December 4, 1890, is herewith returned for endorsement.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting, Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1891.

Lewis J. Rees,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram to: -

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

February 16, 1891.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

(Over) -

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram to: -

Clark, Dodge & Co.,New York.

Similar, except as follows, to the following: -

Grimmerman & Forshay,11, Wall St., New York.

— + offers + .

Handy and Harman,

— + + of seventy-five thousand ounces at ninety-nine and eighty-nine one-hundredths, accepted. Others declined.

Consolidated Smelting and Refining Co.,20 Nassau St., New York.

— + + of thirty-five thousand five hundred ounces at ninety-nine and three-quarters cents, and twenty-seven thousand ounces at ninety-nine and seven-eighths cents, accepted. Other declined.

February 16, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending January 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

— + + + +
Ordinary, Refinery ^{and} *Coinage of Silver Bullion",
(Act July 14, 1890), Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and}
Vouchers, for the month ending January 31,
1891.

*The above is the correct title, ^{and}
the date of the Act. I have caused the Jan-
uary account to be changed to conform there-
with. The funds from this appropriation
must be accounted for separately.

February 16, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Referring to the last paragraph of
your letter of the 10th, instant I have to
inform you that the bill for subscription
to the Engineering ^{and} Mining Journal to which
you refer, was not rendered in duplicate, you
will, therefore, be compelled to apply to the
Scientific Publishing Co., at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Reich,
Director.

February 16, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the
provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have
been made this day by the Secretary of
the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of

the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

Consid. Kans. City S. & W. Co., -	35,000	Ounces,	@	\$0.9975-
Consid. Kans. City S. & W. Co., -	27,000	"	"	0.99875-
Messlage, Colgate & Co., -	25,000	"	"	0.9994-
Wandy & Harman, -	75,000	"	"	0.9989-
Gimmerman & Forshay, -	50,000	"	"	0.9990-
Gimmerman & Forshay, -	50,000	"	"	0.9987-
Clark, Dodge & Co., -	100,000	"	"	1.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Feb'y., 1891, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: -

4 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$36 & \$37, -	\$4.00
2 Dimes, Del. \$41, -	.20
Total, -	<u>\$4.20</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2	Eagles,	Del.	\$25, -		<u>\$20.00</u>	

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
6 S. S. Dollars, Dels. #27, #28 & #29, —						\$6.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	
+	+	+	+	+	—	
6 S. S. Dollars, Dels. #20, #21 & #24, —						\$6.00

February 16, 1891.

The Vice President of the United States.

Sir:

In accordance with Senate Resolution of February 11th, 1891, — as follows: —

"Resolved, — That the Secretary of the Treasury be, ^{and} he is, directed to furnish the Senate with a list of all persons, firms, or associations from whom silver bullion has been offered; the date, amount, ^{and} price at which such offer was made, with a list of all persons, firms or associations from whom silver bullion has been purchased, with the date, amount offered ^{and} price paid under the Act of July 14, 1890.

"Second, — The basis on which he estimates the market price of silver bullion purchased under said Act.

"Third, — What amount, where ^{and} at what price, if any, silver bullion he has purchased outside of the United States under said Act."

I have the honor to transmit herewith, a statement, prepared by the Di-

rector of the Mint, of the amount of silver Bullion offered to the Government from August 13, 1890, to February 14, 1891, ^{and} the amount purchased during that period, under the Act of July 14, 1890, with a list of all persons, firms, or associations offering the same, the amount ^{and} price offered, ^{and} the persons, firms, or associations from whom silver was purchased, with the amount purchased ^{and} the price paid.

In reply to the second section of the resolution, viz:—

"The basis on which he estimates the market price of silver Bullion purchased under said Act,"—I have the honor to state that the Bureau of the Mint is in receipt of a cablegram daily from London giving the market quotation of the price of silver in that city, ^{and} also a telegram from New York on Mondays, Wednesdays ^{and} Fridays (purchase days) giving the price of silver in that city; also a telegram from San Francisco on the same days giving the price of silver in that city at the close of business on the preceding day.

The market price of silver is estimated from a comparison of these prices ^{and} the price at which silver is offered for sale to the Government, the rule being to accept the lowest offers provided they do not materially exceed the highest market price in the three cities named.

In reply to the third section of the resolution,—"What amount, where ^{and} at what price, is any, silver Bullion he has purchased outside of the United States under said Act," I would say that no silver Bullion has been purchased by the Government outside of the United States, but undoubtedly large quantities of foreign silver Bullion have been delivered

on purchases to the Government made from parties residing in the United States.

Very respectfully,
E. O. L. A. B. Nettleton,
Acting, Secretary.

February 17, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Telegram.

— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-eight cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 18, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Feb'y. 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$25,- ^{\$2.00}

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +
 + + + + + —
 2 U. S. Dollars, Del. \$42, — \$2.00.

February 18, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Fourth National Bank, — 29,000 Ounces, @ \$0.98375.
Fourth National Bank, — 25,000 " " 0.9850.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +
 + + + + + —
 Boston & Colorado
 Smelting Company, — 70,000 Ounces, @ \$0.9850

February 18, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to a letter of this Bureau of the

9th. instant, advising you of the purchase of 90,000 ounces of silver from the American Exchange National Bank at \$7.61 per ounce fine, I have to inform you that owing to an error of the Telegraph Company in substituting the word "declined" for "accepted," ^{and} upon which the Bank acted ^{and} made other disposition of the silver, you will regard so much of the letter of the 9th. instant as directed the receipt of 90,000 ounces from said bank as cancelled.

Respectfully yours.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Telegram.

— You are authorized to exchange six hundred thousand dollars in gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

February 18, 1891.

Edwin Mitchell,

11, Wall St., New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

Zimmerman & Horshay,

11, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Similar except as follows, to the following:—

Handy & Harman,

Confirmed.

24, Nassau St., New York.

— + offers +.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,

Confirmed.

57, Wall St., New York.

February 18, 1891.

J. H. Seligman & Co.,

Telegram.

New York.

— Your offers received too late for con-

Confirmed.

sideration.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1891.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,

Telegram.

Denver, Colo.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows to: —

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

— Your offer of twenty-nine thousand ounces at ninety-eight $\frac{3}{4}$ three-eighths cents and twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-eight $\frac{1}{2}$ fifty, accepted. Others declined.

Confirmed.

February 19, 1891.

Hon. John J. Knox,

President National Bank of the Republic,

New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th, instant, I would respectfully inform you that

prior to 1853 silver was coined for depositors.

From 1853 to 1873, silver for the subsidiary coinage was purchased by the treasurers of the mint ^{and} branches with the approval of the Director.

From 1873 to 1875, by the superintendents of the mints with the approval of the Director.

From 1875 to 1878, silver required under the resumption act was purchased by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Since 1878 it is purchased by the Secretary as the law prescribes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Reech,
Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I inclose herewith draft No. 23830, on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia, Penna., for the sum of \$138.—, the same being the value of special assay coins forwarded by you to this Bureau for the three months ending December 31, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Reech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

+ draft No. 6240, on
the Assistant Treasurer of the United States

at San Francisco, Cal., in your favor, for the
sum of \$673.75 + + + +.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

— + + draft No., 6241, on the As-
sistant Treasurer of the United States at San
Francisco, Cal., in your favor, for the sum of
\$132. + + + + +.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + draft No., 4808, on the
Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New
Orleans, La., + + + for the sum of
\$80. + + + + +.

February 19, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Telegram. — Advance purchasing rate of silver to
ninety-nine cents per ounce fine.
Confirmed E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Confirmed Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 20, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

Clark, Dodge & Co., -	100,000	Ounces, at	\$0.9925.
Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co., -	30,000	" "	0.9910.
Fourth National Bank, -	31,500	" "	0.9890.
Fourth National Bank, -	27,000	" "	0.9900.
Fourth National Bank, -	18,500	" "	0.99125.
Nesslage, Colgate & Co., -	100,000	" "	0.9910.
Nesslage, Colgate & Co., -	100,000	" "	0.9915.
Nesslage, Colgate & Co., -	100,000	" "	0.9920.
Nesslage, Colgate & Co., -	100,000	" "	0.9925.
American Ex. Natl. Bank, -	94,000	" "	0.9900.
Wandy & Harman, -	100,000	" "	0.9920.
J. & W. Seligman & Co., -	50,000	" "	0.9924.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,

Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1891.

The Boston Book Co.,
*15 1/2, Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Herewith returned please find bill for subscription to "The Green Bag" for the current year. This subscription was

not renewed for the calendar year 1891, but if a bill for the January ^{and} February numbers, which have been received, is forwarded, it will be paid.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 20, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 20, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I find it necessary to suspend action upon your accounts for Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expenses for the month of January, for explanation of vouchers 345 ^{and} 376 of the former, ^{and} 69 of the latter account.

In the first two of these vouchers, bills of Mack & Co., "B. 48 Twine" ^{and} "Twine sampled" are charged at 35¢ per pound, while under the contract of this firm "B.C. Twine No. 48" should be supplied to your Mint at 21¢ per lb.

Please explain at your earliest convenience this apparent over charge.

In the case of voucher No. 69, of the refinery account, bill of Mrs. Monson for making sleeves, the item reads, - "To making 193 B.C. sleeves

at 9¢, ³/₄ is carried out \$57.90. If this is a clerical error a new voucher should be forwarded.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 20, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary expenses for the month of January is suspended pending explanations. — Voucher 114, bill of Charles H. Kelly, shows the purchase of six brooms at a cost of \$3.25. — You have a contract with Mr. Bell of your City for best brooms at \$6.00 per dozen. You will please explain why the purchase was not made from Mr. Bell at the contract rate.

Voucher 117, bill of Wells, Fargo & Co's, Express, also requires explanation. On January 3rd, five boxes appear to have been shipped by you to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia. — Three of these boxes were valued at \$2.60 each, and the express charges were \$2.85 each. The two remaining boxes were valued at \$1.00 each and the charge on one was \$6. and upon the other \$13.10.

The question naturally arises, why should there be such a discrepancy in the charges upon the two latter boxes, and between them and the three more valuable boxes?

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 20, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Feb. 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: -

2 Half-eagles, Del. \$26, - \$10.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +

+ + + + + -

4 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$32 & \$33, - \$4.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +

+ + + + + -

4 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$43 & \$44, - \$4.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +

+ + + + + -

6 Double eagles, Del. \$11, \$12 & \$13, - \$120.00

February 20, 1891.

Lewis P. Rees

11, Wall St., New York.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director Mint.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing, to the following: —
Wells, Fargo & Co.,

Confirmed.

New York.

Confirmed.

Grimmerman & Hoeshay,
11, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

L. A. Cole,
1, Broadway, New York.

February 20, 1891.

Telegram.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

Similar except as follows, to the following: —

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

— + + of fifty thousand ounces
 at ninety-nine, twenty-four one-hundredth
 cents, accepted. Other declined.

Confirmed.

Nisslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall St., New York.

Similar, to: —

+ offers +.

(Over) —

Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

February 21, 1891.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver immediately, to ninety-eight cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: -

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 24, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant you are authorized to purchase in your city 1 1/2 dozen memorandum books.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 24, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 16, dated Feb'y

18, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 16, dated Feb'y. 14, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$34,842.97; charges \$66.62, ^{and} net value \$34,776.35.

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 24, 1891.

Mrs. A. H. Way, Esq.,
#86, Trinity Place,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed you this day, as requested in your letter of the 18th. instant.
Fiscal, 1888 to 1891;
Precious Metals, 1888 ^{and} 1889.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 24, 1891.

Hon. A. B. Nettleton,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Four Hundred ^{and}

Eleven $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars (\$34,411.50) in Gold Coin ^{and}
 Three Hundred ^{and} Sixty-four $\frac{85}{100}$ (\$364.85) in Sil-
 ver Coin, making a total of Thirty-four Thous-
 and Seven Hundred ^{and} Seventy-six $\frac{35}{100}$ Dollars
 (\$34,776.35) being the net value of Bullion hereto-
 fore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the
 United States Mint at Denver, as shown by
 Memorandum No. 16, dated Feb'y. 18, 1891, of Gold
 Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

February 24, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-
 six ^{and} half cents per ounce fine immediately.

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 24, 1891.

Poscy S. Wilson, Esq.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 18th.,
 inst., I would say that a large portion

of the statistics which Mr. Norman desires will be contained in an article by me which will appear in the March number of the North American Review. If not there, he will find considerable material in the new edition of Johnson's Encyclopedia, in an article under the head of "Coinage," signed by my predecessor, Mr. Kimball. While I will be glad to furnish Mr. Norman with any of my reports etc., I have no time to prepare statistics for individuals, as the demands upon the part of Congress for such statistics consume all my time.

I return herewith, the letters.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Reech,

Director of the Mint.

February 24, 1891.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,
28, Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 13th., inst., I would say that the figures in regard to the stock of subsidiary silver coins in Germany, in the statement which I presented to the Committee on Coinage, Weights ^{and} Measures, were a clerical error, ^{and} should have been \$103,000,000 instead of \$43,000,000.

They were corrected in the revised edition.

The statements in regard to coinage of Austria ^{and} Spain were substantially correct, as it was well understood that Austria had coined a few florin pieces for domes-

tic circulation ^{and} Spain some 5-peseta pieces, but substantially the statement was correct.

In regard to the other errors which you point out, in regard to the stocks of gold ^{and} silver in European countries, I would say that my information substantially confirms the figures presented in the table before the Committee.

Still the statement was only an estimate ^{and} of no particular value further than to give a rough idea of the stock of full legal tender silver coins existing in the world.

The tables of the stocks of coins in the world are, as you well know, mere guesses, ^{and} I place no particular reliance upon any of them. In this country we pay great attention to correct money statistics, but little is paid elsewhere.

I will send you a copy of all the testimony taken before the Committee as soon as it is published in one volume.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week, at your Mint, during the months of Jan. & Feb. 1891, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours, - E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Letter similar to the foregoing to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Similar, except as follows, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	Month of Feby., 1891,	
+	+	+	+	+

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 24, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of Feby., 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:—

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$34, — \$2.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	—
2 Double eagles, Del. \$45, —				<u>\$40.</u>	

February 24, 1891.

Zimmerman & Forshay,

11, Hall Street, New York.

Telegram.

— Offers will not be considered today.
(over)

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

February 25, 1891.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,

Carson City, Nevada.

Confirmed

— Suspend local purchases of silver immediately until Monday, March 2nd.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 25, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Boston ^{and} Colorado

Smelting Company, — 60,000 Ounces, at \$0.98.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Letter similar to the foregoing except as follows, to: -

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Kohn, Poppee & Co., -	100,000	Ounces,	at	\$0.98125.			
J. & S. Wormser, -	50,000	"	"	0.9825.			
Wandy & Harman, -	100,000	"	"	0.9825.			
Clark, Dodge & Co., -	100,000	"	"	0.9825.			
Fourth National Bank, -	42,000	"	"	0.9795.			
Fourth National Bank, -	19,000	"	"	0.98.			
Fourth National Bank, -	49,000	"	"	0.9810.			
American Ex. Natl. Bank, -	88,000	"	"	0.9820.			

February 25, 1891.

Honorable A. B. Nettleton,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, one gold life saving medal, struck in compliance with your request of the 13th. ultimo.

I also inclose herewith, the account of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, for the medal, rider, case, mounting ^{and} express charges, amounting to \$96.10, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him, under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

February 25, 1891.

Journal of Commerce,
New York.

Telegram. — I forward for publication in your edition of Friday morning an abstract of my report on the production of the precious metals, which will go to Congress to-morrow. Material will not be used until Friday.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

February 25, 1891.

Engineering & Mining Journal,
27, Park Place, New York.

Telegram. — I forward for use in your number for this week an abstract of my report on the production of the precious metals, which will go to Congress to-morrow.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Mining Record,

Confirmed. 61, Broadway, New York.

Financial Chronicle,

Confirmed. 102, Williams Street, New York.

February 25, 1891.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram. — Your offer accepted.

Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Clark, Dodge & Co.,

Confirmed. New York.

Confirmed. Kohn, Oppen & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Similar, except as follows, to the following: -
Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed. — + offers + .

Wandy & Harman,
New York.

Confirmed. — One hundred thousand ounces of your
offer at ninety-eight, one-quarter cents accepted.
Balance declined.

I. & S. Hornsby,
New York.

Confirmed. — + + of fifty thousand ounces
at ninety-eight and one-quarter accepted.
Others declined.

February 25, 1891.

Telegram. Woerishofer & Company,
52, Exchange Place.

Confirmed. — Your offer declined.
E. O. Leach,
Director, Mint.

Confirmed. Similar telegrams to the following: -
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. Heidelbach, Isckelheimer & Co., (Over) -
New York.

February 25, 1891.

Zimmerman & Gorshay,
11 Wall St., New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

February 26, 1891.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the month ending January 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending January 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

February 26, 1891.

Hon. A. B. Nettleton,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of \$16,080. in Gold coin, ^{and} \$4,189.30 in Silver coin, making a total of \$20,269.30, the same being the value of coins reserved from the coinage of said Mint, for the calendar year 1890, for trial at the annual assay, ^{and} now in the custody of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address. —

— + + + + +
 + of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans to
 that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of
 the sum of \$5,351. in Silver coin, + +
 + + + + +

— + + + + +
 + of the U. S. Mint at Carson City,
 to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia,
 of the sum of \$2,310. in gold coin, ^{and}
\$1,155. in silver coin, making a total of
\$3,465., + + + + +
 + + + + +

February 26, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be

made from the bullion fund of your mint to that of the mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of \$3,465., the same being the amount of the coins reserved from the Coinage of the calendar year 1890, and forwarded to the U. S. Mint for trial at the annual assay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +
+ of the sum of \$20,269.30, + +
+ + + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +
+ of the sum of \$5,351. + +
+ + + + +

February 26, 1891.

Hon. John P. Jones,

U. S. Senate.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 22nd. instant, I transmit herewith a statement showing the daily price of silver bullion at New York, London and San Francisco from July 14, to December 31, 1890.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1891.

Hon. John J. Knox,

Pres. Natl. Bank of the Republic,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your request of the 25th. instant, I inclose herewith a statement showing by calendar years the amount of silver coined from January 1, 1873, to March 1, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th. instant, in reference to an error in the assay of gold bar No. 469, shipped to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, you will forward a new invoice covering the shipment of this bullion, giving the correct assay of the gold. You will enter it in your accounts in the same manner, making no entry of the error. As your accounts covering this quarter have not yet been rendered, it will make no difference.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 25, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: — The following coins reserved at

patch to Senator Cameron urging passage of Mint Bill. I am going to Capitol to work in its interests. Better have Childs & some leading men telegraph delegation.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 26, 1891.

Anglo California Bank,
San Francisco.

Telegram. — Your $\frac{3}{4}$ -a-half million fine ounces.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

February 26, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Feb'y. 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:—

4 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$89 & \$90, — \$4.~

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +

+ + + + -
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$48, — \$2.~

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

(over) —

2 Double-Eagles, Del. \$17,- \$40.

February 27, 1891.

Mr. Frederick A. Finney,
San Diego, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of inquiry of February 19th., reached the Bureau to-day, and in answer to your questions, I send you the following information, showing the coinage of silver in France from 1868 to 1878.

The coinage of the several years was as follows:—

<u>Years.</u>	<u>Total silver coinage.</u> <u>Francs.</u>
1868, -	93,620,550
1869, -	58,264,285
1870, -	53,648,350
1871, -	4,710,905
1872, -	389,190
1873, -	154,649,045
1874, -	59,996,010
1875, -	75,000,000
1876, -	52,661,315
1877, -	16,464,285
1878, -	1,821,420
1879, -	Nil.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week, at your Mint during the Month of Feby., 1891, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 27, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 19, dated Feby. 24, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 19, dated Feby. 16, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$32,301.33; charges \$80.56, ^{and} net value \$32,220.77. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

(Over) —

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-one Thousand, Five Hundred ^{and} Twenty-five ⁴²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$31,525.42), in Gold coin, ^{and} Six Hundred ^{and} Ninety-five ³⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$695.35) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-two Thousand, Two Hundred ^{and} Twenty ⁷⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$32,220.77), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 19, dated Feby. 24, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 27, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise, Charlotte, Helena ^{and} St. Louis, for the month ending January 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters to the following:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

February 28, 1891.

Chief Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the Statistical expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. (over) —

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Statistical expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 28, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 756, for \$31.60, being on account of Unexpended balance of Appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, Mining Statistics funds, inclosed in your communication of the 26th., instant, has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Statistical accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the appropriation as above.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— C.D. No. 7876, for \$175,000 — being on account of Minor Coinage Profits, inclosed in your communication of the 27th, inst., has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, + + + in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

February 28, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000 —), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a trans-

per of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending December 31, 1890, is herewith returned for correction; - Wages of Workmen, A/c. Coinage of Silver Bullion, should be \$12,062.88, and Contingent Expenses, same A/c. - should be \$5,085.48.

The Silver Profit Fund A/c. in your Bullion Accounts, is also returned for correction, as you have not opened a new Silver Profit Fund A/c. Act of 1890, and failed to close the old A/c. Act of 1878, as per Certificate of Deposit, \$1524.

Please return these A/c's. with corrected ones by return mail.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram. — State by wire close of business to-day amount of local purchases, including partings, Confirmed for the month of February.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing, to the following:—

Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 28, 1891.

Baltimore Copper, Smelting & Rolling Co.,
Kreyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me of the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, ten tons of the best ingot copper.

Respectfully yours,
Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will cause to be struck ⁱⁿ forwarded to this Bureau, for the Life Saving Service, a gold second service bar, from the die now in your possession, transmitting your account in duplicate for the same.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Feb'y. 1891, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:—

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$91, — \$2.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—

6 S. S. Dollars, Dels., \$38, \$39, & \$40, — \$6.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—

2 S. S. Dollars, Del., \$49, — \$2.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$26, — \$2.

March 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please coin during the month of March the balance of silver bullion fur-

chased under the Act of February 28, 1878, in 500,000
silver dollars from bullion purchased under the
Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

You will please cause to be coined during
the month of March, 200,000 silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +
1,200,000 silver dollars.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +
400,000 silver dollars.

March 2, 1891.

Charles H. Clark, Esq.,
Secretary, Manufacturers Club,
#425, Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th. ult.,
I send you herewith a copy of my report for
the fiscal year 1890, on page 185 of which
you will find the average price of silver for

each year.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion, under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{per} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{per} and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Fourth National Bank,	30,000	Ounces,	@ \$0.9825.
Zimmerman ^{and} Forshay,	50,000	" "	0.9825.
Hoady ^{and} Harman,	25,000	" "	0.9825.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon receipt hereof, you will advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety-eight cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1891.

Telegram. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Confirmed. — Advance purchasing rate of silver to
 ninety-seven $\frac{3}{4}$ three-quarters cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 3, 1891.

Telegram. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Confirmed. — Advance purchasing rate of silver to
 ninety-eight cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint

during the month of Feb'y., 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:—

2 S. S. Dollars, Del., \$2, — \$2.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + + +
+ + + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del., \$2, — \$2.

March 3, 1891.

Baltimore Copper, Smelting & Rolling Co.,

Kryser Building,

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten tons of the best ingot copper, free of all charges, to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, for thirteen $\frac{3}{4}$ one-quarter cents per pound, is accepted.

You will please make shipment as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1891.

Messrs Brasford, Rhodes & Co.,

78, William St., New York.

Gentlemen:

Please send to this bureau a copy of the February number (1891), of Rhodes' Journal of Banking.

Very respectfully, —

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th, ultimo, relative to the completion of the new vault, and I am pleased that it has been completed to your satisfaction, and in the excellent manner you state.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

March 4, 1891.

Lazard Freres,
New York.

Telegram.

— We are not certain that the amendment inserted in the Senate authorizing the imposition of a bar charge, and making the exchange discretionary, has become a law, but presuming that it has, a bar charge of four cents per one hundred dollars in value will be imposed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

— + + + + +
 + + + + +

— you are instructed to deliver six hundred thousand dollars in gold bars upon the payment of a bar charge of four cents per one hundred dollars in value.

March 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Receive from W. Loiza^{mn} Company
 sixty-five thousand ounces silver at ninety-
 eight ³/₄ three-quarters cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

March 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
 during the month of Feb'y., 1891, ^{mn} forwarded to the
 Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been
 received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del., #27, — #2.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +
 + month of March, 1891, + + +
 2 S. S. Dollars, Del., #53, — #2.

March 4, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a trans-
 fer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S.
 Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S.
 Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty Thous-

and, Eight Hundred ⁴⁴/₁₀₀ Fifty-nine ⁴⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$859.46)
in Gold Coin, ²⁶/₁₀₀ Eight Hundred ²⁶/₁₀₀ Sixty-four ²⁶/₁₀₀ Dol-
lars (\$864.26) in Silver Coin, making a total of
Thirty-one Thousand, Seven Hundred ⁴⁴/₁₀₀ Twenty-three
⁷²/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$31,723.72), being the net value of Bull-
ion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge
of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as
shown by Memorandum No. 20, dated Feby., 28,
1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

March 4, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 20, dated Feby.
28, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to
the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Ship-
ment No. 20, dated Feby., 21, 1891, has been re-
ceived and examined at this Bureau, and the
gross value found to be \$31,802.23²³/₁₀₀; charges
48.51⁵¹/₁₀₀, and net value \$31,723.72⁷²/₁₀₀. For the
latter amount a transfer has been requested
from the Bullion fund of your Institution
to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Mont.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary

of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you an additional \$200 from the Appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint," 1891, to meet your expenses in connection with the Collection ^{and} Collating of the Statistics of the production of precious metals in Montana during the Calendar year 1890.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

March 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8,000, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting ^{and} refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +
+ + the sum of \$10,000. + +
+ + + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

— + + to day + + +
+ + + the sum of \$10,000. from
the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver"

"Bullion," Act of July 14, 1890, to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

A separate account of disbursements made under this appropriation must be rendered, and your account with the appropriation for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar" will be closed and the balance, if any, in your possession, deposited to the credit of the appropriation.

March 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a statement of silver delivered by Messlage, Colgate & Co., on their sale of 100,000 ounces, at 99.10 cents, on the 20th, ultimo, as no statement has been received covering this amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes: —
— Boston and Colorado Smelting Company, —

55,000 ounces, at \$0.9870.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Clark, Dodge & Co., -	100,000	ounces,	at	\$0.9870.			
Grimmerman & Forshay, -	50,000	"	"	0.9874.			
Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co., -	40,000	"	"	0.9861.			
Handy & Harman, -	250,000	"	"	0.9864.			
Handy & Harman, -	50,000	"	"	0.9874.			
Wells, Fargo & Co., -	79,000	"	"	0.9870.			
American Exchange							
National Bank, -	56,000	"	"	0.9875.			

March 4, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$236.80, payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz: -

Salaries, - 1891, \$236.80

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -

Assayer, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

— + + + + + +

+ + + for the sum of \$2,200. + +
 + + + + + -
 Salaries, - 1891, \$900.~
 Wages of Workmen, - 1891, 1100.~
 Contingent Expenses, - 1891, 200.~

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

- + + + + + +
 + + + for the sum of \$6,200.~
 + + + + + + + -
 Salaries, - 1891, \$3,400.~
 Wages of Workmen, - 1891, 2,000.~
 Contingent Expenses, - 1891, 800.~

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

- + + + + + +
 + + + for the sum of \$13,000.~
 + + + + + + -
 Salaries, - 1891, \$2,000.~
 Wages of Workmen, - 1891, 8,000.~
 Contingent Expenses, - 1891, 3,000.~

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

- + + + + + +
 + + + for the sum of \$301.40 +
 + + + + + + -
 Salaries, - 1891, \$301.40
 Wages of Workmen and
 Contingent Expenses, - 1891, \$200.~

March 4, 1891.

Telegram.

Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.Similar telegrams to the following:—

Confirmed.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
67, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Grimmerman & Forshay,
11, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

W. Loaiza & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.Similar, except as follows, to the following:—

Confirmed.

Handy ^{and} Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

— + offers +.

Confirmed.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.— + + of fifty-six thousand
ounces at ninety-eight ^{and} three-quarters cents,
accepted. Other declined.

March 4, 1891.

Telegram.

I. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Confirmed.

L. J. Reed,
11, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Moore & Schley,
New York.

Similar, except as follows, to:—
Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers +.

March 4, 1891.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer received at two o'clock,
eight minutes, p. m., too late for consideration,
would have been declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

March 2, 1891.

Telegram.

Gimmerman & Gorshay,
11, Wall St. New York.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams except as follows, to the following:—

Handy & Harman,

24, Nassau St., New York.

— + + of twenty-five thousand
ounces at ninety-eight one-quarter cents

accepted. Others declined.

Growth National Bank,
New York.

+ + of thirty thousand ounces
at ninety-eight ^{and} one-quarter cents accepted.
+ +

March 2, 1891.

Telegram. Moore & Schley,
New York.

— your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

Nisslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall St., New York.

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

March 5, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer
be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S.

Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred $\frac{34}{100}$ Eighty Three $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars (\$13,583.34) in Gold Coin, $\frac{3}{4}$ Two Hundred $\frac{45}{100}$ Thirty-four $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars (\$234.45) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand, Eight Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Seventeen $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars (\$13,817.79), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 136, dated March 2, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: -

of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred $\frac{29}{100}$ Eighty-five $\frac{29}{100}$ Dollars (\$15,385.29) in Gold Coin, $\frac{3}{4}$ Two Hundred $\frac{55}{100}$ Thirty-four $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars (\$234.55) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand, Six Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Nineteen $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars (\$15,619.84), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 135, dated March 2, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

March 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Telegram.

Assayer of Mint at Carson condemns deliveries of fine silver bars by the melter and refiner nine-ninety-six fine. Depositor claims that they should be nine ninety-

seven ^{and} a-half at least, otherwise the mints will impose a refining charge if re-deposited.

Telegraph me your judgement on the subject ^{and} what the practice is at your institution. I incline to the opinion that they should be at least nine ninety seven ^{and} a-half fine, under section 1, Article 6, page 11.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

March 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to return me for the inclosed \$3.82, - two silver ^{and} minor coins proof sets, for 1891.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I inclose herewith the account of the Baltimore Copper, Smelting ^{and} Rolling Company, receipted in duplicate, for ten tons ingot copper, amounting to \$2,650. - purchased in compliance with your request of the 25th. ultimo. Upon receipt of the copper, you will please forward the Company a draft on New York for the amount. To enable you to make payment in this manner, I have requested that an advance of \$2,650. - be made you from the appropriation for the coinage of silver bullion, set of July 14, 1890, ^{and} placed to your credit with

the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1891.

Baltimore Copper, Smelting & Rolling Co.,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I have received your account, receipted in duplicate, for ten tons of ingot copper, shipped the United States Mint at New Orleans, on the 4th, instant, and have forwarded the same to the Superintendent of that institution, with instructions to remit you a draft for the amount, \$2,650., upon the Assistant Treasurer, at New York, upon receipt of the copper.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of the 4th, instant, you are informed that it is my desire that you will enter the fineness and value of bar #69 on your abstract sheets and in your bullion accounts at the correct figures, forwarding a corrected invoice to this Bureau covering the shipment to the Mint at Philadelphia embracing this bar.

There is no necessity of sending long ^{and} expensive telegrams on such subjects.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1891.

Messrs B. Westerman & Co.,
No. 838 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Please order for the use of this Bureau copies of the "London Bankers' Magazine" for the months of June, 1889, ^{and} September ^{and} November, 1890, to supply missing numbers.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1891.

Mrs. James Meyers,
No. 412 Broadhead Avenue,
South Bethlehem, Pa.

Madame:

Your letter of the 3rd., instant inclosing part of a one dollar National bank note, has been received ^{and} referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:— Deposit Memorandum No. 135, dated

March 2, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 135, dated Feb'y., 27, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be $\$15,658.⁸⁵/₁₀₀$; charges $\$39.⁰⁰/₁₀₀$, ^{and} net value $\$15,619.⁸⁵/₁₀₀$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

March 2, 1891, + + + +
Shipment No. 136, dated Feb'y. 27, 1891, +
+ + + + ^{and} the gross
value found to be $\$13,853.¹¹/₁₀₀$; charges $\$35.³²/₁₀₀$,
^{and} net value $\$13,817.⁷⁹/₁₀₀$. For the latter
amount + + + +
+ + + +

March 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. $\$54.$ — $\$2.$

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

(Over) —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— + + + + +
+ + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$93, - \$2. ✓

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +
+ + + + —
4 S. S. Dollars, Dels. \$28 + \$29, - \$4. ✓

March 4, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of Feb'y., 1891, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Similar, except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +

+ months of Feb'y., + March, 1891, +
+ + + + +

March 6, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office, at New York, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of \$23,940.05, payable in 25,129.74 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint, of the sum of \$23,940.05, payable in 25,129.74 ounces of standard silver bullion. When this bullion is received, you will take it up in your accounts as a purchase of silver under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

+ + + + + from the

bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $\$23,940.06$, payable in $25,129.74$ ounces of standard silver bullion.

March 6, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Four Hundred ^{and} Twenty-six ^{and} $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars - $(\$36,426.68)$ in Gold Coin, ^{and} Three Hundred ^{and} Ninety-one ^{and} $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars $(\$391.42)$ in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-six Thousand Eight Hundred ^{and} Eighteen ^{and} $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars $(\$36,818.10)$, being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 17, dated March 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: -

+ + + + +
of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred ^{and} Eighty-nine ^{and} $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars $(\$16,689.56)$ in Gold Coin, ^{and} Fifty-nine ^{and} $\frac{63}{100}$ Dollars $(\$59.63)$ in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred ^{and} Forty-nine ^{and} $\frac{19}{100}$ Dollars $(\$16,749.19)$, being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office

at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 2, dated March 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

March 6, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2, dated March 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2, dated Feb'y. 28, 1891, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be $\$16,787.\overset{85}{100}$; charges $\$38.\overset{66}{100}$, ^{and} net value $\$16,749.\overset{19}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + No. 17, dated March 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 17, dated Feb'y. 28, 1891, has been received ^{and} + + ^{and} the gross value found to be $\$36,912.\overset{19}{100}$; charges $\$94.\overset{99}{100}$ ^{and} net value $\$36,818.\overset{40}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested + + + + +

March 6, 1891.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Coinage ^{of} Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., for the Month ending January 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to the same address:—

— + + + + the
Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the Month ending January 31, 1891,
+ + + + +.

March 6, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the Month ending February 28, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,New York City.

— + + + + Ordinary ^{and}
Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, + + + + +.

March, 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{of} settlement your Ordinary, Refinery ^{and} Coinage of Sil. Bullion accounts, for the month ending January 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + +
 your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense accounts +
 + + + +

March 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes: —

Fourth National Bank, —	26,000	Ounces,	@	\$0.9825.
Fourth National Bank, —	20,000	"	"	0.9830.
Nesslage, Colgate & Co., —	50,000	"	"	0.9835.
Moore ^{and} Schley, —	50,000	"	"	0.9830.
Moore ^{and} Schley, —	50,000	"	"	0.9835.
			(Over) —	

Gimmerman & Forshay, -50,000 Ounces, @ \$0.9830.
Gimmerman & Forshay, -30,000 " " 0.9835.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1891.

Financial & Commercial Chronicle,
102, William Street, New York.

Telegram. — Treasury Department purchased two hundred
 and seventy-six thousand ounces of fine silver to-day.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to: —

Engineering & Mining Journal,
27, Park Place, New York.

March 6, 1891.

Telegram. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer accepted.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams except as follows, to: —

Gimmerman & Forshay,
New York.

Confirmed — + offers + .

Moore & Schley,
New York.

Confirmed — + + of fifty-thousand ounces
 at ninety-eight ^{and} three-tenths cents, and fifty
 thousand ounces at ninety-eight ^{and} thirty-five
 one-hundredths are accepted. The other two
 are declined.

(See next page) -

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer of twenty-six thousand ounces at ninety-eight ¹/₄ one quarter cents, and of twenty thousand ounces at ninety-eight ³/₄ three-fifths cents are accepted. The other is declined.

March 6, 1891.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Louis P. Reis,

New York.

J. & S. Wormser,

Confirmed.

New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,

Confirmed.

New York.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,

Confirmed.

57, Wall St., New York.

Nevada Bank,

Confirmed.

San Francisco, Cal.

Similar except as follows, to: —

Wandy & Harman,

Confirmed.

24, Nassau St., New York.

— + offers +

March 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Fine silver bars under nine ninety-seven and a-half fine should not be received from the melter.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

March 7, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. E. Babbschell, Superintendent Mint U. S., Philadelphia, the sum of \$950,000, on account of profits on the coinage of Silver Bullion Act of July 14, 1890 and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of ^{this} amount.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:

+ + + +
 + W. H. Dimond, + San
 Francisco, + three hundred thousand
 dollars [\$300,000], + the same amount.
 + + + +

+ + + +
 + S. C. Wright + Carson City + +
 + seventy-five thousand dollars [\$75,000],

+ + + + the same amount.
+ + + + + + +

+ + + + +
+ + A. W. Smyth, + + New
Orleans, + + two-hundred and twenty-
five thousand dollars [\$225,000], on ac-
count of + + + + + same amount.
+ + + + +

March 7, 1891

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars [\$75,000] to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of silver bullion Act of July 14, 1890, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except amounts mentioned, to:

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + + +
two-hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars [\$225,000]
+ + + + +

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

over

+ + + + +
 + \$950,000, + + + + +
 + + + + +

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + +
 + three hundred thousand dollars [\$300,000] + + + + +
 + + + + +

March 7, 1891

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of Feb'y, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

March

over

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + +
+ March, 1891 + + +

March 7, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1891.

Very respectfully
E. W. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as follows:

Superintendent, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + +
+ Ordinary Refinery and "Coinage of Silver
+ Bullion" Expense Accounts + + +
+ + + + +

March 7, 1891

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division, Treasury, Department for Stationery shipped you on the 9th of January 1891, amounting to \$4.28 payable from the appropriation for Contingent

expenses of your office, fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	+
+	8 th of January 1891,	+	+ \$75.39
+		+	+
+	Mint	+	+
+		+	+

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+
+	27 th of January 1891,	+	+ \$89.83
+		+	+
+	Mint	+	+

Superintendent U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

March 7, 1891

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$9200.⁰⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$2700.00
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	4000.00
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	2500.00

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech Director

March 7th, 1891

Superintendent, U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary, of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1000, from the appropriation for the coinage of the "Standard Silver Dollar", Act February, 28th 1878, to meet, in part, the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully, yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

March 6, 1891

Superintendent U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars Del. #42	2.00
Total	<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Superintendent U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Feb. 1891		
2 Double Eagles Del. #20	40.00	
Total	<u>\$40.00</u>	

March 7, 1891

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your Abstract sheet for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890, shows errors as follows:—
 In Gold Deposit #303, July 12, 1890, the Alloy charge should be .04 cents, instead of \$1.04, and the Parting charge, \$1.80 instead of .80 cents.

The Alloy charge on Gold deposit #720, August 7, should be .10 cents instead of .27 cents, and the Touching charge .81 cents instead of .54 cents.

In Unparted Silver Bullion deposits #468 and #617, the Melting charge should be \$37.22 instead of \$37.32, and \$28.82 instead of \$28.92. As these errors do not, to any great extent, affect the Account, they will be passed.

Please exercise more care in the future.

Very respectfully

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1891

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, I find that you have not entered the payments for all the Silver purchased under the Act approved July 14, 1890, and paid for in Treasury notes, as the law requires.

You have entered the amount paid in Treasury notes as \$6,552,265.11 instead of \$6,553,482.73, as shown by your abstract sheets & have

been the value of the silver purchased and paid for, according to those sheets, in Treasury notes the corresponding difference being in the silver coin account where you have entered \$1,697,680 as the payments in silver coin instead of \$1,696,457.96

As it is unlawful to purchase any silver under the act of July 14, 1890, except by payment in Treasury notes, and as you were distinctly instructed that you were to pay for all such silver in Treasury notes, and that if you had paid in any other form of money that the payment was to be reimbursed from Treasury notes, it will be necessary to return your accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, and the quarter ended December 31, 1890, that the correct payments and balances may be stated, unless you prefer to have the corrections made at this Bureau.

I thought I had made this matter so plain that there could be no possibility of error, but it seems notwithstanding the very explicit instructions given on this subject your book-keeper has violated them and violated the law.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leach
Director.

March 7, 1891

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck and forwarded to this Bureau three Indian peace medals in silver, bearing the vignette of the President.

You will render your account for the same in duplicate against the Department of the Interior and forward the same to this Bureau, with the medals.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.-), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant transmitting bids for iron shutters for the protection of the Melter and Refiner's department of your Mint you are hereby authorized to have the same manufactured by Mr. E. B. Rail at the price named in his bid. The bids are herewith returned and it would be well to file Mr. Rail's with his account.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 9, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February, 28, 1891.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Ordinary Refinery, and Standard Silver Dollar
expense Accounts, + + +

March 9, 1891

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$1,500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1891 \$600

Wages of Workmen, 1891 900

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech
 Director

March 9, 1891

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

The "Deficiency Appropriation Act", which passed Congress on the 3rd instant, contained an item of \$701.50 for Wages of Workmen of your office for the current fiscal year. The amount will be taken up in your account with the appropriations made for the support of your office for the year in question.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

March 9th, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

Purchases of silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Fourth National Bank 19,000 Ounces, at \$0.9855

Fourth National Bank 13,000 Ounces, at \$0.9865

Zimmermann & Forshay 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9864

Moore & Schley 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9870

Wandy & Hartman 230,000 Ounces, at \$0.9870

American Exchange
 National Bank 108,000 Ounces, at \$0.9860

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1891

Telegram Superintendent - Mint, U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Receive from Nevada Bank fifty thousand ounces silver at ninety-eight and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

March 9, 1891

Sup't, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Silver Bullion Warrant #12, Transfer of Bullion from Melter and Refiner to Superintendent, Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890, is herewith returned for correction.

The amount of this Warrant as taken up in the Bullion Accounts is 2,161,661.26 standard ounces, evidently a clerical error in the Warrant, of 1.10 standard ounces.

Please correct and return.

Very respectfully

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1891

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1891

Telegram Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street,
New York
 Confirmed

Your offer declined.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

L. & S. Wormser,
New York

Similar telegrams kept as follows, to:

Heidelbach, Lickelheimer & Co.
New York.

+ + offers + + +

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York

+ + Offers + + +

March 9, 1891

Telegram American Exchange National Bank.
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer accepted.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:
Nevada Bank, San Francisco, Cal.

March 9, 1891

Telegram Fourth National Bank
New York.

Confirmed

Your offers of nineteen thousand ounces at ninety-eight, fifty-five one hundredths cents, and thirteen thousand ounces at ninety-eight, sixty-five, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech

Director.

March 9, 1891

Telegram Handy & Harman
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of two hundred and thirty thousand ounces at ninety-eight and seven tenths cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:

Moore & Schley,
New York.

+ + fifty thousand ounces + + +
 + + + + + + +

March 9, 1891

Telegram Zimmerman & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at ninety-eight sixty-four one hundredths cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

March 9th, 1891

Telegram C. W. Moore,
Boise City, Idaho

I am gratified at your dispatch. Say to Cunningham that before he fills the vacancy, to communicate with me as I may wish to suggest the name of a person recommended by all the public men of that state.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 9, 1891.

Telegram Hon. George L. Shoup,
Gilsey House,
New York.

Telegram from Moore says that the change will be made satisfactory to me. Ask McConnell if I shall recommend this friend Wells for the vacancy when it happens.

Letter by mail.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

March 10, 1891

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending December 31, 1890, is herewith returned for correction.

Contingent Expenses should be \$1,541.61 instead of \$1,551.61.

Please correct and return immediately.

Very respectfully, R. E. Prestor,
Actg. Director, Mint.

March 10, 1891

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows:

+	+	+	+	+
+	+	St. Louis, Mo.	+	+
+	+	+	+	+

+	+	+	+	+
+	Superintendent	+	+	New York City
+	+	Sept. 30, 1890	+	+
+	+	+	+	+

March 10, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$6,000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1891 \$2500

Wages of Workmen 1891 2500

Contingent Expenses 1891, \$ 1,000

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+	+
+	\$ 34,500.00	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+
Salaries	1891	\$ 3500.		
Wages of Workmen	1891	25000.		
Contingent Expenses	1891	6000.		

March 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced upon the sum of \$5,000 from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion" Act July 14, 1890, to meet, in part, the expense of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+	+
+	\$ 12,000	+	+	+

March 10, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$2000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+		+		+		+
-	<u>\$1500.00</u>	+		-		+

March 10, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 S. & Dollars, Del's. #43 & #44	\$ 4.00
Total	<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows to:

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+	+
+	March, 1891	+	+	+
2	S. S. Dollars, Del. #58		\$ 2.00	
Total			<u>\$ 2.00</u>	

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+	+
+	Feb., 1891	+	+	+
2	Dimes Del. #51		\$.20	
Total			<u>\$.20</u>	

March 9, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+
+	Feb. 1891	+	+	+
2	Double Eagles	Del. #21	\$ 40.00	
2	S. S. Dollars	" #32	2.00	
Total			<u>\$ 42.00</u>	

March 10th 1891

Assayer in Charge,
Belena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Billions Accounts for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Oreston

Acting Director.

Similar letter except as here noted &:

Supt. Assay Office,

New York City,

Sept 30th, 1890 + +

March 10, 1891

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

March 10, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft No. 421,347, drawn on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York by George A. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk, in your favor, for the sum of \$118.85, the same being in payment of your account for one gold and two silver life-saving medals, riders, cases, &c., forwarded by you to this Bureau on the 24th and 25th ultimo. I also return herewith medal-fund vouchers signed in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint

March 10, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to

be struck and forwarded to this Bureau, as early as practicable, two silver life-saving medals, placing the same in suitable Morocco Cases, and forwarding to this Bureau with your account made out upon the inclosed blank form, receipts in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 10, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith returned for correction please find one of the payrolls of the General Department of your Mint for the month of January. It will be observed that the Overtime Credit of W. S. Buckley, Bar Enstodian, and F. Joyce Gross, Assistant, are not carried into the column of Wages due for the month and yet the amount is included in the footing of the column and carried into the abstract of disbursements. Please correct the roll and cause it to be returned without delay.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 10, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant I would state that it is desirable that all books for use in the Mint Service be prepared by the Public Printer.

If you will forward sample or copy of the books referred to with as little delay as possible the Bureau will have the requisitions made special.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 11, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of nine thousand eight hundred and twenty-three $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars, (\$9,823. $\frac{56}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars (\$139. $\frac{95}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of nine thousand nine hundred and sixty-three $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars (\$9,963. $\frac{51}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by Memorandum No. 19 dated March 9, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

March 11, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 19, dated Mch. 9, 1891,
of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United
States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment
No. 19 dated Feby 28, 1891 has been received
and examined at this Bureau, and the gross
value found to be \$9,990.⁶⁷/₁₀₀, Charges \$27.¹⁸/₁₀₀
and net value \$9,963.⁵¹/₁₀₀. For the latter amount
a transfer has been requested from the bullion
fund of your Institution to that of the
United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Oreston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 11, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Confirmed

Advance purchasing rate of silver is
ninety-eight and one half cents per ounce
fine.

R. E. Oreston
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

March 11, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 40 000 Ounces, at \$0.9897

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9895
Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at \$0.99
Handy & Harman	25,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9895
Handy & Harman	125,000 Ounces,	at \$0.99
Handy & Harman	25,000 Ounces,	at \$0.9905

March 11, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand

ounces will be ninety-eight and one-half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours

R. E. Prestori
Acting Director of the Mint

March 11, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of March 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #59	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Prestori
Acting Director of the Mint

Similar letter except as here noted to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #33	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

March 11, 1891

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Receive from Nevada Bank fifty thousand ounces at ninety-eight, seven tenths cents, per ounce fine.

R. E. Prestori
Acting Director, Mint

March 11, 1891

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Heidelback, Lehelheimer & Co.
New York.Wells, Fargo & Co.
New York.

Similar, except as noted to:

Fourth National Bank
New York.

+ + offers + + +

Zimmermann & Forshay
11, Wall Street, New York.

+ + offers + + +

March 11, 1891

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

Confirmed.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Nevada Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

March 11, 1891.

Telegram Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offers accepted.

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director, Mint

March 11, 1891.

Telegram Handy & Harman
24, Nassau Street
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-eight, ninety-five one hundredths cents, one hundred and twenty-five thousand ounces, at ninety-nine, and twenty-five thousand ounces, at ninety-nine and five one hundredths cents, accepted. Other declined.

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director, Mint

March 12, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

March 12, 1891

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	Charlotte, N. C.	+
+	+	+	+	+

+	+	+	+	+
+	Superintendent	+	Mint,	+
+	+	+	Carson City, Nev.	+

+	+	+	+	+
+	Ordinary Refinery expense	+	+	Superintendent
+	+	+	Assay Office	+
+	+	+	New York City	+
+	+	+	month	+
+	+	+	February 28, 1891	+

March 12, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending Dec., 31, 1890, are the following errors. The Standard Weight of Gold deposit #524, should be 16.539 Ounces instead of 16.523.

The error of 54 cents in charges on Deposit

#590 should have been corrected on Abstract sheets.

T. R. P. + Alloy Charges on Deposit #606 should be \$3.01 instead of \$2.01 - you will debit your Coin Account and credit your Collection Account with this difference (\$1.00). The balances of these Accounts, Jan'y. 1, 1891, will be: -

Coin A/c, - \$20,367.83

Collection A/c, - 334.21

The Standard Weight of Deposit #656 should have been 104.179, instead of 104.212 Ounces. The number of errors in this Quarter's work show great carelessness.

You should exercise more care in preparing your Abstract sheets.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1891

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Returned herewith please find your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending, December 31, 1890. The expenditure for piling wood is incidental and the amount should therefore not be charged to your appropriation for Wages of Workmen. In this connection your attention is called to the manner of entering disbursements on your Abstracts of Expenditures. There is a column for Wages of Workmen but invariably the amounts paid for this purpose are entered in the column for Incidental Expenses. I would be pleased if you will hereafter cause these dis-

bursements to be entered separately as indicated
by the several columns of the Abstracts.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper ac-
counting officers of the Department for Examination
and Settlement, your Bullion accounts for the
quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge,
Boise.

+ + + +
+ + + + except payment of Gold Deposit
#606. (error of \$1.00 in charges) which I recommend be disallowed.
+ + + +

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

+ + + +
+ Ordinary Refinery expense accounts + + month
+ February 28, 1891 + + +

March 12, 1891

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, (\$20,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1891

Assayer-in-charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

The official bond of H. H. Sterling, as Deposit Clerk of your Office was approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury and has today been filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director

March 12, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday you are informed that your requisitions were approved on the day of their receipt for amounts as rendered.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech Director.

March 12, 1891.

A. J. Kasten, Esq.,
 President Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
 No. 416 Montgomery Street,
 San Francisco, California.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I enclose a copy of the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the purchase of silver. As you will see, the practice is to purchase upon telegraphic orders three days in the week, the purpose being to distribute the purchases as nearly as may be throughout the month. Small lots, however, are purchased, as well as the silver contained in Gold deposits, by the Superintendents of the Mints directly, at a price fixed from time to time by the Director. These small purchases are continued until the total four and one-half million ounces are bought, and then, necessarily, the Department purchases cease for that month as the law only authorizes the purchase of four and one-half million ounces. You will see that this matter is entirely in the hands of the sellers of silver. It is and has been my disposition to stretch the purchases throughout the month, but of course, if they bring in large quantities in the shape of different small lots early in the month, it necessarily cuts them off in the latter part.

Very truly yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

March 12, 1891.

Honorable John W. Noble,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith three silver Indian peace medals, struck in compliance with your request of the 6th instant.

I also inclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the medals and express charges, amounting to thirty-one dollars and ninety-five cents [831.95], for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him under cover to this Bureau, at as early a date as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. A. Sech
 Director of the Mint

March 12, 1891.

Wm. P. St. John, Esq.,
Pres^t, Mercantile National Bank,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 10th inst., which I found on my desk on my return to the city this morning, I would say that I am not able to place my hands on the tables of Mr. Windmuller, but have compiled for you a statement showing the production of gold and silver in the world, by ounces, since the discovery of America.

Down to 1823 the figures are taken from Dr. Soetbeer's tables, published in his "Materialien". Since 1873 they are the

estimates of this bureau. The estimate for 1891 is only approximate, and subject to change. Trusting this information will answer your purposes.

I am, with great respect,
E. A. Leech
Director.

March 13, 1891

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month ending February 28, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 13, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending February 28, 1891, with my approval. Your attention is called to an error, upon the part of your book keeper, in taking up in his abstract of disbursements of Ordinary expenses, the Coiner's

and Melters & Refiners' pay rolls instead of the General Department and Assayer's rolls. I have caused the abstract to be corrected to conform to the account by entering the latter rolls as paid from Wages of Workmen. Please cause the necessary change to be made on your retained abstract.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director

March 13, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, (and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay), have been received, viz:

4 S. S. Dollars	Del's #46 & #47	\$4.00
Total		<u>\$4.00</u>

Similar letters, except as follows to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #60	\$2.00
2 Quarter "	" #61	.50
Total		<u>\$2.50</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	Del. #22	\$40.00
Total		<u>\$40.00</u>

To same address, dated March 12, 1891:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #34	\$2.00
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

March 13th, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint; of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Neslage Holgate & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9948
Fourth National Bank	28,000 Ounces, at \$0.9950
Handy & Harman	25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9945
Handy & Harman	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9950
Ginnemann & Forshay	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9939
Ginnemann & Forshay	50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9949

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

March 13th, 1891

Editor "Public Opinion"
Cor. Penna Ave. and 9th Street
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment your bill, amounting to \$7.00, for 28 months subscription to "Public Opinion", to February 28, 91. In due course of Departmental business a draft for the amount will be mailed you.

As this subscription has not been authorized by me I will thank you to discontinue it from this date.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

March 13, 1891

Telegram American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street, New York.

Heidelback, Lelchheimer & Co.
New York.

Wells, Fargo & Co.
New York.

L. J. Rees,
11, Wall Street, New York.

March 13, 1891

Telegram

Confirmed

Hendy & Harman
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces
 (at ninety-nine and forty-five one hundredths
 cents, and fifty thousand ounces at ninety-nine
 and one-half cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

March 13, 1891

Telegram Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces
 at ninety-nine and forty-eight one hundredths
 cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

March 13, 1891

Telegram Fourth National Bank
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer of twenty-eight thousand ounces
 at ninety-nine and one-half cents, ac-
 cepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

March 13, 1891

Telegram Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

March 13, 1891

Telegram Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York.
 Confirmed

Your second dispatch was received at one forty
 o'clock, a half hour after your offers had
 been acted on. It will not be considered,

and no change will be made in the acceptance telegraphed you.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Commercial and Financial Chronicle
102 William Street
New York.

March 13, 1891

Confirmed

Treasury Department purchased today, three hundred and three thousand ounces of fine silver.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Engineering and Mining Journal
270 Park Place
New York.

March 13, 1891

Confirmed

Treasury Department purchased today, three hundred and three thousand ounces of fine silver.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 14th 1891
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech, Director.

March 14, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo for the month ending February 28, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address

+ Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts
 + Superintendent + Philadelphia Pa.,
 + + + + +

March 14, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending February 28, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts + *

March 14, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated for the support of your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892:

Salaries	<u>\$29,550.00</u>
Wages of Workmen,	<u>60,000.00</u>
Contingent Expenses,	<u>25,000.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Salaries	<u>\$10,950.00</u>
Wages of Workmen,	<u>13,750.00</u>
Contingent Expenses,	<u>6,000.00</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Salaries	<u>\$31,950.00</u>
Wages of Workmen,	<u>74,000.00</u>
Contingent Expenses,	<u>95,000.00</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Salaries,	<u>\$41,550.00</u>
Wages of Workmen,	<u>293,000.00</u>
Contingent Expenses,	<u>80,000.00</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco,

over

Salaries,	\$ 41,100.00
Wages of Workmen,	170,000.00
Contingent Expenses,	<u>40,000.00</u>

March 14, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following amounts have been appropriated
 for the support of your office during the
 fiscal year ending June 30, 1892:

Salaries,	\$ 7,700.00
Wages of Workmen,	12,700.00
Contingent Expenses,	<u>5,000.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,

Director

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Salaries,	\$ 3,500.00
Incidental and Contingent Expenses, including labor,	<u>2,400.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City

Salaries,	\$ 39,250.00
Wages of Workmen	30,000.00
Contingent Expenses,	<u>10,000.00</u>

over

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Salaries	\$3,200.00
Incidental and Contingent Expenses, * including labor,	9,000.00

* This will enable you to slightly increase your force.
 E. O. L.

March 14, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th inst., relative to the appropriations for the support of your Office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1892, you are respectfully informed that there was appropriated for the Assayer and melter, \$1,500. for the Assistant Assayer, \$1,250. in all \$2,750 and for incidental and contingent expenses, including labor, \$2,500.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

I regret that the salary of the Assayer & Assistant were not increased.
 I urged it.
 E. O. L.

March 14, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst., in regard to the storage of silver dollars, I would say that my intention was in the latter part of May to send Mr. Butler and have him store all the silver dollars in your mint in the large vault "C", now under the seal of himself and Major Meline. I don't want to make two jobs of this on account of the expense of travelling, as well as the annoyance to your force, unless it is absolutely necessary.

If you find that you have no storage capacity for this and next month's coinage, without having to use vaults which are not dry, please write me and I will send Mr. Butler over and have all your silver dollars transferred to vault "C" but I would suggest that it would possibly be better to wait a little later so that there will be less to weigh at the annual settlement.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

March 14, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday relative to land acquired by the United States in the State of Pennsylvania, and enclosing,

a copy of a general law on the subject. I would say that I think it would be best to have the bill prepared by you and introduced by Mr. Leeds, passed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 14, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Certificate of Gold deposit #1818, is herewith returned to be forwarded with your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891. Gold Certificate #1382 is returned for correction.

Mint Receipt #1323 is returned for Weigh Clerk's signature.

Two Duplicate Bills Ac, Silver Profit Fund, for \$55.90 and \$48.80, are returned for the original Bills.

Please send Assay Report #356 as it cannot be found in your Bullion Accounts.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 14, 1891

Thomas Jordan, Esq.,
"The Financial and Mining Record"
61 Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir:

The product of Russia is reported to this Bureau in pounds or in grams,

and is converted into United States money, at the value of the good or gram of pure gold reckoned and compared with the pure gold in the gold dollar of the United States.

The coinage of Russia is converted into United States money at the value of the gold rouble, viz: \$0.77, 18 in the money of account of the United States.

In calculating the value of the silver coinage of Russia and all other statistical items for that country, the value of ~~the value of~~ the silver rouble is uniformly given as if the same value as the gold rouble viz: \$0.77, 18. This is done for the purpose of securing uniformity in values, and in the tables of coinage and production in the reports of this Bureau the coinage value is uniformly given to the silver unit or money of foreign countries.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1891

B. Westermann & Co.

812 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

Yours of the 13th received. You may send the Bureau 1 copy of Meyers Conversations Lexicon, at the price named in your letter.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1891.

B. Watermann & Co.

Gentlemen:

I am about to have the periodicals supplied the Bureau by you bound; but find the following parts missing:

Economiste Francais - Index for January to June, 1890

" " " " No. 47 November 19 - 1889

" " " " No. 46 Nov. 15 - 1889

London Mining World - Index Jan. to June - 1890

" " " " " July to Dec. 1890

Procure at the same time:

London Journal of the Inst. of Bankers, March, August and September of 1890 and August, September and October of 1889.

Respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

March 14, 1891

Editor, Engineering and Mining Journal,

Sir:

I am about to have the Journal for 1889 and 1890 bound, and find the following parts missing which I desire you to supply as soon as possible.

1. no. for September 28, 1889
2. Index for July to Dec. 1889
3. Index for Jan. to June 1890
4. Index for July to Dec. 1890

Respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1891

Editor "Green Bag".

Dear Sir:

I am about to have the "Green Bag" for 1890 bound, but find that the September No. is missing. So far as I can ascertain, it never reached the Bureau. Please send it.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst. relative to the billion accounts, I would say that you are authorized to make an adjustment entry in your ledger accounts, but the billion accounts will be changed as indicated by me personally, when in Philadelphia, that is, you will erase the entries as to the payments in silver dollars and Treasury notes, and insert the proper entries, and change the balances in the same manner.

You need not change any of the reports or statements sent to this Bureau, aside from the billion accounts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 16, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith one gold second service bar, Life-Saving service, as requested in your letter of the 27th ultimo.

I also inclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint, at Philadelphia for the bar, mounting, and express charges on the same amounting to nineteen dollars and seventy-five cents [\$19.75], for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be remitted him, under cover to this Bureau, at as early a day as practicable.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

March 16, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office,Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$275.50, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1891,	\$275.50
Wages of Workmen, 1891,	} 600.00
Contingent Expenses, 1891,	

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

March 16, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedSuperintendent Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety-nine cents
per ounce fine.E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 16, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Coinage of Silver Bullion Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.+ Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, +
+ + + +

March 16, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #48	\$ 2.00
Total	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leech
Director of the Mint.

2 Similar letters, exceptions here noted, addressed to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles Del. #23	\$ 40.00
Total	<u>\$ 40.00</u>

2 Double Eagles Del. #24	\$ 40.00
Total	<u>\$ 40.00</u>

March 16, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of March, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

March 16th, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Fourth National Bank,	25500 Ounces,	at \$0.9930
Fourth National Bank,	23500 Ounces,	at \$0.99375
Fourth National Bank,	19000 Ounces,	at \$0.9940

Moore & Schley) 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9945
 Moore & Schley) 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9948
 American Exch. Nat'l Bank 28,000 Ounces, at \$0.9935
 American Exch. Nat'l Bank 27,000 Ounces, at \$0.9940
 American Exch. Nat'l Bank 29,000 Ounces, at \$0.9950
 Handy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9945
 Handy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9949
 Handy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9950

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint,

March 16, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction statement
 of silver delivered by Handy & Harman on their
 sale of 65,000 ounces January 9, 1891, at \$1.051
 per ounce fine, the value of the same being,
 given as \$68,713.49, when it should be
 \$68,818.59.

Please make correction and return without delay.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

March 16, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of
 silver at your mint in lots of less than
 10,000 ounces, will be ninety-nine cents per
 ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 18, 1891.

Mr. George G. Merriam
Care of Shellabarger & Wilson,
Kellog Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your communication of the 16th instant enclosing copies of your demand on the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive a bar of silver for coinage into silver dollars for your benefit, and his reply declining to receive the same and pay you coining value, and requesting me to instruct the Superintendent to receive such silver bullion to be made into silver dollars for your benefit, has been received.

In reply, I would say that the action of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in refusing to receive the bar of silver to be coined into silver dollars for your benefit, was in accordance with law and the regulations and is approved by this Bureau.

The only authority of law for the receipt of silver bullion at the mints of the United States for coinage into silver dollars is that contained in the Act of July 14, 1890, which provides:

Sec. 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to purchase from time to time silver bullion to the aggregate amount of \$4,500,000 ounces, or so much thereof as may be offered in each month at the market-price thereof.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall each month coin two million ounces of the silver bullion purchased under the provisions of this Act into standard silver dollars * * * and any gain or seigniorage arising from such coinage shall

be accounted for and paid into the Treasury).

At the date you presented the bar of silver at the mint at Philadelphia, the Superintendent was instructed by the Department to pay \$1.98 $\frac{1}{2}$ per fine ounce for silver offered for sale, corresponding to the "market price". If he had received the bar of silver for coinage into silver dollars for your benefit, he would have paid at the rate of \$1.2929 per fine ounce, which would have been in violation of law and instructions of the Department.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 16, 1891.

George D. Barron, Esq.,

Apartado 792,

City of Mexico,

Mexico.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 7th instant.
Fiscal 1889 and 1890
Precious Metals 1889.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

March 16, 1891

Telegram Clark Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street,
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar Telegrams sent to:

Nesslage Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street, New York.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Similar telegram, except as follows, to:

Zimmermann & Frohman,
11 Wall Street, New York.
 + + offers + +

Telegram American Exchange, National Bank,
New York
 Confirmed

March 16, 1891

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Moore & Schley
80 Broadway, New York.

March 16, 1891.

Telegram

Handy & Harman,24 Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-nine, forty-five one-hundredths cents, twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-nine, forty-nine one hundredths cents, and twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-nine fifty-one - hundredths cents, in all seventy-five thousand ounces, accepted. Other two, declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

March 16, 1891

Telegram

Handy & Harman,24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your original telegram was so indistinct that we did not understand that you offered one twenty-five thousand at ninety-nine forty-nine. You will therefore consider our acceptance of twenty-five thousand ounces at that price, which we considered to be your original offer, as final, and the additional one hundred thousand as declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

March 17, 1891.

Hon. Chas. Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund at the U. S. Assay Office at Helena & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-nine ⁹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$22,439⁹⁸/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin and Five Hundred and Ninety-one ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$591⁷⁵/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-Three Thousand and Thirty-one ⁷³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$23,031⁷³/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum No. 21 dated March 14, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 17, 1891.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery and Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the month ending February 28, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address. over

+ + + + +
 + San Francisco + + + +
 + + + + +

March 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending February 28, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leech
 Director

March 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether you require any new schedules for supplies that will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892. If so, please forward copy of the same, in order that they may be printed without delay.

Respectfully yours,
 E. W. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York N.Y.

March 17, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Kelley, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 21, dated March 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 21, dated March 7, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$23,189.⁷/₁₀₀, charges \$58⁰⁰/₁₀₀, and net value \$23,131.⁷/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

March 17, 1891.

Telegram The Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

You will decline to deliver the gold bars wanted for shipment.

E. O. L. A. B. Nettleton
 Acting Secretary

March 17, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 16th inst. I would say that the usual appropriation of \$300 for specimens of coins and ores, for the cabinet of your mint, is included in the appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses for

the next year.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

March 17, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of March 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

2 Double Eagles	Del. #5	\$40.00
Total		\$40.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #64	\$2.00
Total		\$2.00

March 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refiner & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the

month ending February 28, 1891, with my approval, except voucher no. 89, for the Refinery account bill of Daniel Giovanni for Charcoal which is erroneously calculated. The correct amount of this bill is \$88.54 instead of \$89.83 for which credit is taken. I have recommended the difference \$1.29 to be disallowed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 17, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C.O. No. 364 for \$862.35, being on account of balance of appropriation for the Coinage of the "Standard Silver Dollar" inclosed in your communication of the 11th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Standard Silver Dollar accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above named appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 17, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Eleanor E. B. Mott, Adjuster in the Coiners' department of your mint has failed to

properly sign the pay-roll of the month of February. I have, therefore, to request that you will cause her to sign a loose receipt for file with the Feb'y. account.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director

March 17, 1891.

Hon. Thomas Ryan,
Envoy, Extraordinary &
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Mexico, Mexico.

Sir:

I have received from the Department of State a communication from Warner P. Sutton, Consul General to Mexico, enclosing a copy of the new coinage law of the Mexican Republic, promulgated on the 9th of December, 1890.

I beg to inquire whether it is your understanding that this law has gone into effect. As I understand this communication there is no change in the amount of pure silver contained in the silver dollar of Mexico but the subdivisions of the dollar are changed, and there is a material change in the amount of pure gold contained in the gold coins, the ratio between gold and silver in coinage being changed from 1 to $16\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 to $15\frac{1}{2}$.

As it is important that I should know the exact weight and fineness of the coins of Mexico in estimating the value of foreign coins on the first proximo I make this inquiry.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 17, 1891.

L. J. Alvord Esq.,
North Ogden, Utah.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 11th inst. I would say that the proportion of small coins issued from the mints is not regulated by any given issue of other coins. The minor coins and subsidiary coins are issued only as there is a popular demand for the same.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1891.

Ottomar Haupt Esq.,
28, Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the first instant, enclosing an article on the stock of money in Italy, for which I send you the thanks of the Bureau, I would say that the report on the production of the precious metals for the calendar year 1890, is now in press. As soon as it is printed an advance copy will be sent you.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1891.

Messrs. Strut & Smith,
25-31 Rose Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst. I would say that the history of the United States mint is published by George G. Evans, 1227 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1891

Chief Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise, Charlotte, Helena & St. Louis for the month ending February 28, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to Same address:

+ the Statistical expense account, + + Assayer in
 Charge + + Assay Office + Boise City, Idaho,
 + + fiscal year + June 30, 1891 + +
 + + note, certificate and recommendation on
 account current.

March 18, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

C.D. No. 1082 for \$62.05, being on account of Balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint inclosed in your communication of the 13th instant has been received properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Statistical Expense account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above named appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

March 18, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending February 28, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

Similar letters addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

over

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Statistical expense + fiscal year +
June 30, 1891, + except Hotel Bill at Spokane
Falls, January 7, 91, in which a bath and laundry
service amounting to \$1.70 are charged. These items
cannot be allowed and you will be required to
deposit the amount to the credit of the appropria-
tion and forward C/O. of same to this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director.

March 18, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Confirmed.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-eight
and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

E. W. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to: Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

March 18, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in Treasury notes:

Boston and Colorado,

Smelting Company, 55,000 Ounces, at \$0.9898

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Handy + Harman,	150,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9899</u>
Wells Fargo + Co.	61,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.99</u>
Clark Dodge + Co.	100,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.99</u>
Consol. Kansas City S. & R. Co.	22,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.9890</u>
Consol. Kansas City S. & R. Co.	24,000 Ounces,	at <u>\$0.99</u>
+	+	+

March 18, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice purchasing rate of silver bullion at your mint in lots of less than

ten thousand ounces, will be ninety-eight and three quarter cents, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1891.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
No. 24 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request, I transmit herewith a press copy of your telegram of the 16th instant making offer of Silver, as delivered at this Bureau.

"Ninety-nine forty-five or hun" was taken to mean ninety-nine and forty-five one-hundredths cents, for the first 25,000 ounces offered.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1891.

Baltimore Copper, Smelting and Rolling Company,
Keyser Building
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me of the lowest rate per pound at which you will deliver ten tons of the best ingot copper to the Quartermaster, U. S. A. for shipment to U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedAnglo California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.J. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Similar telegram except as here noted, to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

+ + offers +

March 18, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed.Clart, Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Wells, Fargo & Co.
New York.Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado

over

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.
 + + offers +

March 18, 1891.

Telegram Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street, New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand
 ounces at ninety-eight, ninety-nine one-
 hundredths cents, accepted. Other declined.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

March 19, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion
 Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia
 be increased in the sum of Three Million
 Dollars (\$3,000,000) by a transfer of that
 amount in Treasury Notes and that the
 same be placed to the credit of the Superin-
 tendent of said institution with the Assistant
 Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #52	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Prestor
 Acting Director of the Mint

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 Quarter Dollars	Del. #65	\$.50
2 S. S. Dollars,	" #65	<u>2.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	Del. #26	\$40.00
Total		<u>\$40.00</u>

March 19, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three Million Dollars, (\$3,000,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 19, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Treasurer of the United States has on hand about thirty thousand dollars [\$30,000] of uncurrent minor coins, which he desires to transfer to you for recoinage. I will thank you to inform me when you will be prepared to receive the same.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of

Thirty-nine Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-four $\frac{35}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$39,484\frac{35}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{7}{100}$ Dollars ($\$339\frac{7}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-four $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars ($\$39,824\frac{26}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 18 dated March 18, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 20, 1891.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 18, dated March 18, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 18 dated March 14, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $\$39,928\frac{60}{100}$, Charges $\$96\frac{34}{100}$ and net value $\$39,824\frac{26}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The official bonds of Thomas G. Tracy, Chief Clerk, Lawrence W. Millberg, Weigh Clerk, George A. Hartley, Assistant Weigh Clerk, Thomas Todd Carter, Register of Deposits, and John M. Sandridge, Cashier's Clerk of your Mint, were approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury yesterday, and have been referred to the office of the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1891

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant, in relation to the discontinuance of the use of warrants in your ordinary and refinery expense accounts, and in reply would say, that you are at liberty to drop them whenever you see fit.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1891

Telegram Superintendent - U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

You will decline to furnish gold bars for shipment.
 A. B. Nettleton
 Acting Secretary

March 20, 1891.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will strike and forward as early as practicable the following Army marksmanship medals:

Two [2] Gold medals - First prize - Army marksmanship.
 Six [6] do. do. Second class prize - Army marksmanship.
 Twelve [12] Silver medals - 3rd class prize - Army marksmanship.
 Two [2] Gold medals - 1st prize - Competition Distinguished Marksmanship.
 Three [3] Silver medals - 2nd ^{class} prize - do. do. do.
 Eight [8] Gold medals - 1st prize - Department marksmanship.
 Twenty-four [24] Silver medals - 2nd class prize - Department marksmanship.
 Forty-eight [48] Bronze medals - 3rd class prize - Department marksmanship.
 Four [4] Gold medals - 1st prize - Cavalry Competition.
 Twelve [12] Silver medals - 2nd class prize - Cavalry Competition.
 Twenty-four [24] Bronze medals - 3rd class prize - Cavalry Competition.
 Four [4] Gold Medals - 1st prize - Revolver Match.
 Twelve [12] Silver medals - 2nd class prize - Revolver Match.
 Twenty-four [24] Bronze medals - 3rd class prize - Revolver Match.
 In all, 186 gold, silver and bronze medals.

In regard to the medals for Cavalry Competition, I would state that heretofore the second and third class prizes were of gold & silver, respectively, while now the second class prize will be of silver instead of gold and the third class prize of bronze instead of silver - no change in design.

All the medals to be supplied with pins, cases, etc., as heretofore.

I will thank you to inform me how soon the medals can be delivered.

Please forward with medals bill for the same, received in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Oreston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 28th, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces at \$0.9935
 Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.9940
 Zimmermann & Forshey 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.9940
 Consolidated Kansas

City Smelting & Refining Co. 39,000 Ounces, at \$1.9940

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1891

Telegram
 confirmed

Sup't. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead Company twenty-thousand ounces silver, at ninety-nine and one eighth cents, per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director, Mint.

March 20, 1891.

Telegram Commercial and Financial Chronicle,
102 William Street,
New York.

Treasury Department purchased two hundred and
 fifty-nine thousand ounces fine Silver today.
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Engineering and Mining Journal,
27 Park Place,
New York.

March 20, 1891.

Telegram Anglo California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Nevada Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

Heidelbach, Lelcheimer & Co.
New York.

over.

Kohn, Oppen & Co.
New York.

L. & S. Wernsler
New York.

Similar telegrams, except as here noted, to:

Morre & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.

offers + + +

Nusslage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York.

March 20, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
57, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco.

March 20, 1891.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer of thirty-nine thousand ounces
silver at ninety-nine and four tenths cents
per ounce fine, accepted. Other declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

March 20, 1891

Telegram Zimmermann & Forehay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of fifty-thousand ounces silver at ninety-nine and four tenths cents per ounce fine, accepted. Others declined.

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

March 20, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Bureau the number of five cent pieces struck at your mint in 1883 without the word "cents" thereon.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the

Regulations.
The coins were found to be within the legal
limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preator
Acting Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 20, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
during the month of March, 1891, (and forwarded
to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay),
have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #53	\$ 2.00
2 S. S. " " #54	2.00
Total	<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preator
Acting Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

(dated March 21, 1891)

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ 2 Eagles Del #19	\$ 20.00 +
Total	<u>\$ 20.00</u>

March 21, 1891.

Mr. Oliver A. Patton,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I send you by to-day's mail a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for 1890, on page 200 of which you will find the coinage executed by the U.S. Mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, from the date of its organization in 1838 to its suspension in 1861.

I am unable to give you the amount of gold and silver produced in the mining regions in which this mint was located.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1891.

Major Andrew J. McGonigle,
Quartermaster U.S. Army,
No. 18 West Saratoga Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I will thank you to receive from the Baltimore Copper, Smelting and Rolling Company ten tons of copper, and forward the same to the United States Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1891.

Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish ten tons of the best commercial ingot copper, delivered F. O. B. to the Quartermaster U. S. A., in your city, for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, at the rate of thirteen cents per pound, is accepted.

You will please deliver the copper to the Quartermaster as early as practicable, transmitting his receipt with your account receipted in duplicate to this Bureau. I have requested the Quartermaster to receive and forward the copper.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Dreshner,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed that under the discretion vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by the act of March 3, 1891, the Department has decided to decline to give gold bars in exchange for gold coin, when required for shipment. You will therefore, notify applicants for such exchange of these instructions, and decline to telegraph their requests to the Department. The gold bars will continue to be furnished to jewelers and others, for use in the industrial arts, in exchange for United States

gold coin subject to a charge of four cents per hundred dollars in value.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division Treasury Department for stationery shipped you on the 6th of February, amounting to \$46.81 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

+	+	+	+
+ 4 th of February,	+	\$54.57	+
+ Contingent Expenses of your Office	+		+

March 23, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion, under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury.

for delivery, at your Mint, of the following parties,
at the rates and for the amounts respectively named,
which you will receive and pay for by draft on the
Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury
notes.

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company 55000 Ounces, at \$0.99

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Fourth National Bank	20000 Ounces	at <u>\$0.9898</u>
Wells Fargo & Co.	12000 Ounces	at <u>\$0.9910</u>
Handy & Harman	18000 Ounces	at <u>\$0.9898</u>
Handy & Harman	50000 Ounces	at <u>\$0.9900</u>
Zimmermann & Torshay	100000 Ounces	at <u>\$0.9895</u>

March 23, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the United States Express Company for freight on fifteen empty coin boxes from Allston, Pennsylvania, & Pittsburgh, amounting to \$0.50.

It appears that Allston is reached by the American Express Company, from Pittsburgh, and that they refuse to return the boxes to the United States Express Company, unless paid for the same. Inasmuch as there is nothing in the contract that calls for the return

of the boxes, although I am aware that it has been the practice and custom for the Express Company, to return them without charge, I think that in this instance the amount claimed should be paid by the Mint, but it will not be considered as a precedent for similar charges hereafter, as I have notified the United States Express Company that no further allowance of this character will be made.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1891

M. Giesler, Esq.,
Johannesburg,
South Africa

Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 14th ultimo, I would say that there are not official documents, that I am aware of, showing the operations of the United States Mints. I send you herewith a copy of the laws and regulations governing the Mint service. The mechanical details are explained somewhat that is in a general way, in a book published by George G. Evans, 1227 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, entitled "History of the Mint." I should be pleased to receive from you any statistics relative to the precious metals in the Transvaal, although the statistics published in the Economist and the Mining World are very complete in regard to Africa, and I use those figures in my reports.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1891

Mr. Frank J. Rust,
Care of Journal of Commerce,
No. 76 Beaver Street,
New York City

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, you are informed that the number of five cent nickel pieces issued in 1883, without the word "cents" was 5,482,409 of the value of \$274,120.45. As minor coins are being constantly redeemed and reissued, and only badly worn and defaced pieces sent to the Mint for recoinage, and no separate account being kept there of the different types of five cent nickel pieces remelted, it is not practicable to give the number of the type referred to now in circulation, but it is probable that comparatively few in number have been remelted.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

March 23, 1891.

Mr. Bradford Rhodes
No. 78 William Street
New York City.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 20th instant and prior one on the same subject, I would say that while I esteem the honor of having my portrait and sketch of my life published in your Magazine, I am not able to pay the cost of preparing the plates and am therefore compelled to respectfully decline the honor.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

March 23, 1891.

E. J. Platt, Esq.,
Agent, U.S. Express Company,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your account of \$0.50 for freight on fifteen empty coin boxes, from Allentown, Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh, I have to inform you that I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to pay the same, but that in future allowances of this character will not be made.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1891.

Hon. William E. Mason,
No. 79 Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your communication of the 19th instant has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City, Nevada, with the request that if there is no good reason to the contrary Mr. Edmund F. Hall be retained in his present position in that Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1891.

Captain Charles J. Smith,
Acting Chief of Ordnance, U.S. Army,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, ordering Army Marksmanship Medals, you are informed that the Medals will be delivered to you about the first of May next, and sooner if possible.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1891

Mr. Percy S. Wilson,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 16th instant, I have sent to Mr. J. H. Norman, 282 Lee Terrace, London S. E., a copy of my last report, and have put his name upon the permanent list of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1891

Telegram Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of one hundred and eighty thousand pieces at ninety-eight, ninety-four one-hundredths cents, and fifty thousand pieces at ninety-nine, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 23, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed
Fourth National Bank
New York.

over

Your offer of twenty thousand ounces at ninety-eight
ninety-nine one-hundredths cents, accepted. Others
declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 23, 1891

Telegram

Zimmermann & Forschay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at
(ninety-eight, ninety-five one hundredths cents,
accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 23, 1891

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

Wells, Fargo & Co.
New York.

Your offer accepted.

March 23, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed. American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street, New York.

Nevada Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

Selby Smelting & Lead Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

I. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

Heidelbach, Eckelheimer & Co.
New York.

March 23, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 1/2 Eagles	Del. #27	\$ 10.00
Total		<u>\$ 10.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 ⁺ Double Eagles, Del. #35	\$ ⁺ 40.00 ⁺
Total	<u>\$ 40.00</u>

March 24, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety eight and one quarter cents per ounce fine immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar Telegrams to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans

over

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sup't. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

March 24, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 18th instant requesting that your trillion fund be increased by the sum of \$50,000 to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, I would say, that I do not think that your present balance of lawful money and the amount of business being transacted during this dull season, would justify such an advance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 17th instant I forward you by mail today copy of the plans of the San Francisco Mint, which have been loaned by the Supervising Architect. When you have finished with them, please return.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedSupt. Mint U. S.Philadelphia, Penna.

The order for copper for your mint was for twenty tons. We bought copper from same firm yesterday, for thirteen cents a pound. You had no authority to order copper direct, and you will decline to pay the bill at fifteen and one-half cents a pound. There was no contract for fifty thousand pounds. Copper should be requested through this office, so we can secure competition.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

March 24, 1891

Señor Don Matias Romero

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
Mexican Legation,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

A communication from Warner P. Sutton, Consul General at Nueva Laredo, has been received by this Bureau, through the Department of State, inclosing a copy of the new coinage law of the Mexican Republic promulgated on the 9th of December, 1890. I beg to inquire whether it is your understanding that this law has gone into effect. As I understand Mr. Sutton's communication, there is no change in the amount of pure silver contained in the silver dollar of Mexico, but the subdivisions of the dollar are changed, and there is a material change in the amount of pure gold contained in the gold coins, the ratio between gold and

Silver in coinage being changed from 1.16½ to 1.15½. As it is important that I should know the exact weight and fineness of the coins of Mexico for the purpose of estimating the value of foreign coins to be proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury on the first proximo, I beg a prompt response to this inquiry.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1891.

Hon. A. G. Porter

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Legation of the United States,
Rome Italy.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 6th ultimo, forwarding inclosed a circular from the Department of State dated December 10th last, the information requested by this Bureau relative to the coinage, movement and stock of the precious metals in Italy.

I will regard it as a favor if you will ascertain from the Bureau of Statistics of Italy the information for recent years relative to the production of the precious metals from the mines of Italy. While the amount is not large, amounting to a little over a hundred thousand dollars in gold and about a million and a half in silver annually, I have no exact information as to the quantity produced since 1888, and consequently have to use the amount produced in that year as an estimate

for subsequent years.

It is probable that the statistics of the Department of Agriculture, or the Bureau of Statistics, as to the product of the precious metals, are complete for the calendar year 1889, if not for 1890.

Any information on this subject will be a public service, and will be appreciated by this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1891

Telegram Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

I suggest that you offer the Chief Clerkship to J. M. Wells, if competent and satisfactory. Consult with Governor Shoup in regard to filling the vacancies. I will approve such appointments as you and he agree upon.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 25, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to ninety-eight cents per ounce fine immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

March 25, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 24th instant in reference to copper, you are informed that there was no intention on my part to imply in my dispatch of yesterday that you had knowingly exceeded your authority in the purchase of copper. A few days since the Bureau purchased ten tons for the Carson Mint at the rate of thirteen cents per pound, delivered to the Quartermaster U. S. Army, at Baltimore for shipment, and I did not feel that we would be justified in paying fifteen and one-half cents.

My letter of August last authorized the purchase of only twenty tons, at not exceeding fifteen and one-half cents per pound, and I am unable to find from the records where any subsequent authority was given you for the purchase of copper. I have this day purchased from the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company ten tons copper which is to be delivered to you free of all charges, at the rate of thirteen and one-quarter cents per pound, and I am advised that the shipment will be made today.

You are authorized to pay for the same

from the appropriation for the coinage
of silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia { March 25th 1891

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions
of the Act of July, 14, 1890, have been made
this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for
delivery at your Mint, of the following parties,
at the rates and for the amounts respectively
named, which you will receive and pay for
by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at
New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100000 Ounces, at \$0.98125
Fourth National Bank 29000 Ounces, at \$0.9810

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1891.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the plans for the
basement of your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, to wit:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #68	\$ 2.00
2 S. S. "	" #69	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	Del. #31	\$ 40.00
Total		<u>\$ 40.00</u>

March 25, 1891

Hon. George L. Shoup
Boise City, Idaho.

Having instructed Cunningham to confer with you as to filling vacancies in Assay Office, will approve appointments you and he agree upon. Am informed that Smith, Clerk in Assay Office, was indicted for destroying a bill when he was clerk in Legislature. Talk freely with Cunningham on subject, and if you are satisfied he is not perfectly honorable, he cannot remain in Assay Office.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

March 25, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company,
Keyser Building
Baltimore, Maryland.

Please state lowest price at which you will
deliver ten tons best ingot copper to Mint
at Philadelphia.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

To same address & :

Telegram
Confirmed Your offer accepted. Ship at once.
E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

March 25, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed Clark Dodge & Co.,
57 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to :

Fourth National Bank
New York.

March 25, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed Edwin Mitchell
11 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer received too late for consideration,
but would have been declined.

E. O. Leech Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York, N. Y.

March 25, 1891

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Messlage Calgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York.

L. J. Rees,
New York.

J. & S. Wornser,
New York.

Similar telegrams, except as here noted, to:

Haudy & Harman
24 Nassau Street, New York.

offers +

Gimmermann & Forskay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

offers +

March 26, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty Thousand One Hundred and Eighty one $\frac{62}{100}$, (\$15,181. $\frac{62}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Seventy-six $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars (\$276. $\frac{48}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Eight $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars, (\$15,458. $\frac{10}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 137 dated March 24, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leach
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
+	Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and			
	Twenty-one $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars, (\$17,871. $\frac{66}{100}$)	+		+
+	Three Hundred and One $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars, (\$301. $\frac{67}{100}$)			
+	+	+	Eighteen Thousand One Hundred	
	and Seventy-three $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars (\$18,173. $\frac{33}{100}$)			
+	+	+	No. 138	+
+	+	+		+

March 26, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith two

silver life-saving medals struck in compliance with your request of the 9th instant.

I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, receipted in duplicate, for the Medals, cases and mounting, amounting to twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$22.75) for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be remitted him, under cover to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

State at close of business today amount and cost of local purchases of silver for March, and suspend local purchases until first proximo.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

March 25, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #94	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted to:

(dated March 26, 1891)

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #57	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

Supt. U. S. Mint, (dated March 26)
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #70	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

Supt. U. S. Mint, (dated 25, 1891)
San Francisco.

2 Double Eagles	Del. #32	\$ 40.00
Total		\$ 40.00

To same address, (dated March 26, 1891)

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #36	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

March 26, 1891
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you, upon receipt of the inclosed draft for ten dollars $\$10.00$ to forward per registered mail to W. O. Eon, Office of the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., three three dollar gold pieces, uncirculated, and one proof silver dollar, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1891.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 137, dated March 24, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 137 dated March 24, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $\$15,508 \frac{87}{100}$; Charged $\$50 \frac{7}{100}$, and net value $\$15,458 \frac{80}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	138	+	+	+
+	+	+		+	138	+
21, 1891	+	+	$\$18,224 \frac{98}{100}$	+	$\$51 \frac{45}{100}$	+
+	+	+	$\$18,173 \frac{33}{100}$	+	+	+
+	+	+		+		+

March 27th, 1891

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa. for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received viz:

2 U. S. Dollars Del #58	\$2.00
Total	\$2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 27th, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint,

of the following parties, at the rates and for the
 amounts respectively named, which you
 will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant
 Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes:
 Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9810
 Clark Dodge & Co. 65,000 Ounces, at \$0.9825

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

March 27, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper
 accounting officers of the Department
 for examination and settlement, your
 Bullion accounts for the quarter ending
 Sept. 30, 1890, with my approval except
 error in parting charge of \$1.73 in payment
 of silver purchase #92 Aug. 15, 1890 which
 I recommend be disallowed.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director

March 27, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please forward without delay, Assay
 Report #3310 on deposit for mutilated
 silver coin, December 31st, Receipt #336.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

March 27, 1891.

Fourth National Bank
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favor of the 26th instant relative to the sale of silver to the Government by Messrs. Gimmernann & Forshay, upon which you have made advances, and requesting that the checks in payment be made payable to your order, I would say that the offers for the sale of silver are made by Messrs. Gimmernann & Forshay and the shipment to the Mint is made by them, and they are the only parties known in the transaction, and necessarily the Superintendent of the Mint should issue the check to their order. It is important that the checks issued by the Superintendent of the Mint in the payment of silver should be in favor of the bidder whose offer was accepted as shown by the records of the Department. I would suggest, therefore, that in order to avoid any trouble in the future, that the sales of silver which you hold as collateral for advances be made in your name instead of that of Messrs. Gimmernann & Forshay, and that Messrs. Gimmernann & Forshay notify the Superintendent of the Mint which transaction that it is on your account, or else that Messrs. Gimmernann & Forshay give you a power of attorney to be filed with the Superintendent of the Mint, to receive the proceeds of the sales of silver to the Government in which case checks will be drawn to your order.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedMesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

W. Loiza & Co.
San Francisco, Cal.Wells, Fargo & Co.
New York.Grimmervann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

March 27, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedClark, Dodge & Co.
54 Wall Street, New York.Sixty-five thousand ounces of your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 27, 1891

Telegram
ConfirmedHandy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at ninety-eight and one-half cents, accepted. Offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

March 28, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver Colo. for the Quarter ending December 31, 1890 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 S. S. Dollars, Del. #958#96	\$4.00
Total	<u>\$4.00</u>

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to: &

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #59	\$2.00
Total	<u>\$2.00</u>

over

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #37	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 2.00

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

March 28, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

March 28, 1891.
William H. Tubbs, Esq.,
Superintendent Document Room
House of Representatives,
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I beg to direct your attention to the fact that Report No. 3, 967, Part 3, the testimony taken before the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures at the last session of Congress, has been printed in one volume, but I have not as yet received any copies of it.

The Clerk of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures was instructed to leave with you, or with the proper officer of the House of Representatives,

an order to send one hundred [100] copies to me for distribution by this Bureau as soon as the document was printed. If this order was not left with you, please let me know and I will communicate with Mr. Wickham, the Chairman of the Committee on the Subject. (Many) rate, I would be pleased if you would forward me at once some copies of this report, as it contains not only my own testimony, but the testimony of others, who are waiting to receive copies.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1891.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Statistical expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

March 30, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

C. O. No. 1085 for \$1.70, being on account of

unexpended balance of appropriation for contingent expenses office of Director of the Mint 1891 inclosed in your communication of the 24th instant, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your statistical accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above named appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted to:

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Denver Colo.

+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+ 8954	+	\$ - . 09	+	+	+	+
+	+	25 th instant	+	+	+	+
+	+		+	+	+	+

Supt., U. S. Mint

March 30, 1891.

Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant relating to the overpayment of two dollars on account of special test assay coins forwarded this Bureau during the calendar year 1890 you are informed that the accounts of the Assayer of the Bureau show that he charges himself with eighteen silver dollars for the month of April, 1890, two of which were from Delivery No. 9, of February, 1890, these

prices were afterward charged by him to the quarter to which they belonged, but he did not take credit for the same in the account of coins received for the quarter ended June 30, 1890.

As the account for the calendar year 1890 of special test coins has been closed, you will please forward to the Assayer of the Bureau to reimburse him for the amount overpaid, the sum of two dollars.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. # 28	\$ 20.00
Total		<u>\$20.00</u>

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 1/4 Dollars	Del. # 72	.50
Total		<u>.50</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars,	Del. #38	\$ 2.00
2 " " "	" #39	2.00
		<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

March 30, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your statistical expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. D. Leech
 Director.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

March 30, 1891.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find the official bond of John W. Hayes, recently appointed as a clerk in your office. (Which is incomplete inasmuch as it lacks the signature of the principal.)

I will thank you to cause it to be completed and returned without delay.

Respectfully yours,
 E. D. Leech
 Director.

March 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith statements of silver delivered by the American Exchange National Bank, and Messrs. Colgate & Company, on their sales of February 20th; also of Clark, Dodge & Company and of Handy, & Harman on their sales of February 25th, with the request that you will note thereon the amount and cost of silver delivered on these sales in February, and March, respectively, and return the same to this Bureau.

Hereafter, when a part of the silver purchased is delivered in two different months, you will note on the return to this office the amount delivered in each month, with the cost thereof.

In future, you will only render on Form 64 statement of your local purchases at the close of each month.

Respectfully yours,

E. D. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your purchases of silver, Form 64, for the months of January, and February, 1891, and Form 193 for the same months, I have to call your attention to the following discrepancies:

On Form 64 for January, Silver purchased from the 25th to the 31st of January, you enter under the head of Recoinage 29.70 fine ounces, and remnants of Silver deposits .03 of an ounce while Form 193 for same month contains no entry of the first item and the amount entered as received in charges and bar fractions is 7.82 ounces.

In your statement of Silver purchased from February 22nd to February 28th Form 64, you enter under the head of Recoinage 28.71 ounces, while on Form No. 193 you make no entry of this item. I will thank you to explain why this item is omitted from Form 193. In future, you will render statement of silver purchased, Form 64, promptly at close of each month. You will, however, continue to report the amount delivered on purchases made at the Department as soon as the delivery is completed.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leach
Director of the Mint

March 31, 1891.

The Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office

Helena Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 24th inst. relative to a deposit of gold dust received at your office through the Northern Pacific Express in the name of the Merchants' National Bank of Red Rock, the check for

which you say, has not been paid, owing to the fact that the depositor could not be found, you are hereby instructed to charge yourself in your cash account with the proceeds of this check, and carry the same as an unpaid deposit.

You will preserve the original check as a part of your cash until the depositor calls for the same.

If the depositor should be found and you deliver him the check, you will take a special receipt for the same which you will forward with your accounts as a voucher for the payment, citing this letter as authority.

The papers are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

March 31, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to: -

copy

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+
+ February	+ March, 1891	+	+
+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 31, 1891

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of March 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 73	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #40	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 31, 1891

Sir:

C.D. No. 7887 for \$100,000.00 being on account

of Minor Coinage Profits inclosed in your communication of the 30th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leach
Director.

March 31, 1891.
Baltimore Copper, Smelting & Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your account for copper delivered to the Quartermaster U. S. Army, in your city for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson, and as the same is payable from two different appropriations, I have to request that you will render a bill for seven tons and one for three tons, both to be receipted in duplicate, and returned to this office.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leach
Director of the Mint.

To same address &c.

I will thank you to state the lowest rate per pound at which you will deliver ten tons of the best ingot copper to the Quartermaster U. S. Army in your city for shipment

to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, California.
Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1891.

Messrs. Oelrichs & Co.,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Thanking you for your favor of the 6th ult. enclosing a specimen of the Russian paper currency, I return the paper rouble enclosed herewith.

I would say that I presented your communications of the 2nd. and 6th ult. to the Secretary of the Treasury, and after a full consideration of the subject the Department decided to adhere to its valuation of the silver rouble as the standard of value in Russia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 1, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1890, I present in the following table an estimate of the values of the standard coins of the nations of the world:

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

(an enc. ^{filed.} with press copy)

April 1, 1891.

Hon. Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred and nineteen $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars, (\$24,198 $\frac{88}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Five Hundred and ninety one $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars (\$591 $\frac{13}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars, (\$24,710 $\frac{91}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 22 dated March 28, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

April 1, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of March 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #97	\$ 2.00
2 " "	" #98	2.00
Total		<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

April 1, 1891.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to ninety
eight and one half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena. April 1, 1891.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 22, dated
March 28, 1891, of Gold Bullion for-
warded by you to the United States Mint
at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 22 dated
Mch. 21, 1891 has been received and examined
at this Bureau, and the gross value found
to be \$24,773.³⁷/₁₀₀; charges \$62.⁴⁶/₁₀₀, and
net value \$24,710.⁹¹/₁₀₀. For the latter
amount a transfer has been requested
from the bullion fund of your Insti-
tution to that of the United States
Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 1, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

C. O. No. 380 for \$150.⁰⁰, being on account of Special Assays Or. indg. Mch. 31, 1891 enclosed in your communication of the 31st ult., has been received properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Respectfully yours,
 E. W. Leach
 Director.

Four (4) Similar letters, with exceptions here noted, to same address:

C. O. No. 381 for \$3779.⁶⁴ + + Sale of
 By-products + + + +

C. O. No. 382 for \$10.²³ + + Sale of old
 material + + + +

C. O. No. 386 for \$307.⁵⁸ + + Alloy charges
 + personal credit to be given you
 in your Bullion accounts + +
 + + + +

C. O. No. 387 for \$23,350.²⁶ + + Parting
 & Refining charges + + +
 personal credit to be given you in your Bullion
 accounts, and the amount to be covered into the
 Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting &
 refining bullion + + +

Five (5) Similar letters, except as follows, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

C. D. No. 7889 for \$208.⁰⁰ + + Sale of old material,
+ + + no personal credit
+ + +

C. D. No. 7890 for \$68.⁰⁰ + + Special Assays
+ + + no personal credit +
+ + +

C. D. No. 7891 for \$1.⁷³, + + + Parting
& Refining Charges, + + Sept. 30, 1890 + +
+ + + personal credit to be given you in
your Bullion accounts + +
the credit of the appropriation for Parting and
Refining Bullion. + + +

C. D. No. 7892 for \$81.⁴¹, + + Alloy
charges + + personal credit to
be given you in your Bullion accounts,
+ + +

C. D. No. 7893 for \$4,267.⁵² + + Part
& Refining Charges + +
+ + + personal credit to be given you
in your Bullion accounts + +
+ + + the credit of the appropria-
tion for Parting & refining Bullion.
+ + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 1, 1891.

Sir:

In your schedule of old material sold

during the quarter ending March 31, 1891,
I have to call your attention to the following
article, - "378 lbs., Old Lead, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ cents = \$15.17."
If there were only 378 lbs., you have deposited
\$1.00 too much, as this number of pounds
would amount to \$14.17 instead of \$15.17 as
you have it.

The Certificate of Deposit will be held
awaiting your reply.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

April 1st, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the
provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have
been made this day by the Secretary of
the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint,
of the following parties, at the rates, and
for the amounts respectively named, which
you will receive and pay for by draft on
the Assistant Treasurer at New York,
payable in Treasury notes:

Hendy & Harman	300,000 Ounces,	at \$19874
Hendy & Harman	75,000 Ounces,	at \$19880
Heidelbach, Schilheimer & Co.	20,000 Ounces,	at \$19880
American Exchange National Bank	81,000 Ounces,	at \$19880

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

April 1, 1891.

Supt. U. S. MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be 98½ ¢ per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 1, 1891

Telegram

Supt. U. S. MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Receive from Selby, Smelting and Lead Company, thirty thousand ounces at ninety, eight and forty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine. From W. Loaisa and Company, thirty five thousand ounces at ninety eight and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

April 1, 1891

Telegram

Handy & Harnum24 Nassau St., New York, N. Y.

Confirmed

Your offers of three hundred thousand ounces at ninety eight seventy four and seventy five thousand ounces at ninety eight eight accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 1, 1891.

Telegram August Belmont & Co.
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.Clark Dodge & Co.,
57, Wall Street, New York.Kohn, Popper & Co.,
New York.L. & J. Wormser,
New York.Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
New York.Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

+ offers +

Gimmernann & Torshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

+ offers +

Fourth, National Bank,
New York

+ + offers + + +

Telegram American Exchange, National Bank,
New York. April 1, 1891.
 Confirmed Your offer accepted.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

W. Loaga & Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.
New York.

Selby, Smelting and Lead Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

April 2, 1891
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of March, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

April 2nd, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

You will please cause seventy-five thousand silver dollars to be coined at your Mint during the month of April.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	+
+	six hundred thousand silver dollars	+	+
+	+	+	+

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+
+	one million silver dollars	+	+
+	+	+	+

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+
+	one million silver dollars	+	+
+	+	+	+

April 2, 1891

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint

34
during the month of March 1891, and forwarded
to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have
been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #61	\$2.00
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #76	\$2.00
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #41	\$2.00
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

April 2, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Please have your engraver forward by
mail today the diameters of the silver and
minor coins and a statement as to whether
he thinks it desirable to leave the question of
diameters open, if we ask for new designs, or
are the diameters fixed by law.

Tell him to forward today if possible,
subject to future additions, a list of
such artists as he thinks a circular

should be sent to requesting designs.
 Or would it be better to put it in the papers
 and let any artists submit designs,
 following the plan of his letter of September
 twenty-third last, which I shall adopt.
 E. O. Leach
 Director, Mint.

April 2, 1891.

Hon. Charles P. Wickham,
 Norwalk, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wickham:

The clerk of the Committee
 on Coinage, Weights and Measures, Mr.
 Payne, informed me that he had left an
 order that 100 copies of the testimony taken
 before the Committee, were to be sent to me
 for distribution. As the document is in
 print, in one volume and has been
 for some time I addressed a communica-
 tion to the Superintendent of the House
 Document Room, inquiring why the
 supply to be furnished me had not been
 sent and enclosed is his letter, to the
 effect that he has received no order to
 send me any.

I would say for your information that many
 of the gentlemen who testified before the Committee,
 notably: Mr. Gibson, Mr. Knox, etc. are looking
 to me to furnish them with this volume.

Besides many of my correspondents in Europe
 are among the most distinguished writers
 on economic and money subjects, and I
 think the volume could not be put to better
 use than to be placed in the hands of
 such men. It is my intention, if per-

-ished with a sufficient number, to supply these gentlemen.

Will you do me the kindness to communicate with the Superintendent of the Document Room, or with the public printer on the subject and oblige.

Yours truly,
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 3rd, 1891

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise Idaho.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railway Co., for the

transportation in the month of July, 1890,
from Washington D.C. to Council Bluffs of
one bale of carpeting, amounting to \$12.21
consigned to your care, payable from
the appropriation for Wages and Contingent
Expenses of your Office, fiscal year
1891. Duplicate bill and B.G. herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

+	Baltimore and Ohio	+	+	October
+	Chicago & Washington, D.C.	+	+	one box of
weights	+	+.489	+	consigned to the
Director of the Mint,	+	+	+	
+	your mint	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+

April 3, 1891.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Confirmed

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-
eight cents per ounce fine immediately.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

over

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa. }

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal. }

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

April 3, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of March, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. M. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 3rd, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$226.60 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1891, \$226.60

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City,
N. Y. C.

+	+	+	+
+	<u>\$6,200.00</u>	+	+
Salaries	1891,	\$3,200.	
Wages of Workmen	1891,	2,000.	
Contingent Expenses	1891,	1,000.	

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+	+	<u>\$2300.00</u>	+	+	+	Mint	+
Salaries,	1891,	\$900.					
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	1100.					
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	300.					

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	<u>\$13000.00</u>	+	+	+	Mint	
+	+		+	+	+	over	

Salaries,	1891,	\$ 4000,
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	8000,
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>1000.</u>

Sup't. U. S. Mint

April 3rd, 1891.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts, Statement of Earnings & Expenditures, for the Quarter ending Dec., 31, 1890, and Form #193 for the month of December, 1890, Act of July 14, 1890, - are returned for correction.

The cost of the local purchases in Dec., was \$10,263.57 instead of \$10,246.51, - error on Form #193.

In your Statement of Earnings & Expenditures Contingent Expenses should be \$11,389.24 instead of \$6,211.17, and Expense of distributing S. S. D. should be \$7,646.23 instead of \$7,575.31.

In your Bullion Accounts, you made no entry of the Gold bar (4.90 ounces), paid depositor, which should have been taken up in your "Deposit & Purchase A/c" as a payment reducing your "Gold Bullion A/c." Gold Bullion deposited during the Quarter 1,252.971 standard ounces value \$23,311.03 instead of 1,248.071 std. ounces value \$23,219.87.

In your "Silver Coin A/c." you have a debit & credit entry of the amount paid (\$1,029,990.53) for silver purchased & parted during the Quarter under Act of July 14, 1890; this amount should enter only in your "Deposit & Purchase A/c" and "Treasury note A/c" as it was paid in Treasury Notes and not in Silver Coin.

The following errors in Express Bills paid during the Quarter, for transportation, will affect your "Silver Coin A/c." and "Silver Profit Fund A/c." Act of 1878, as indicated in pencil on the sheets herewith returned.

Shipments.

Sept. 9,	- "90,	\$500. Howell - B. Range, La., trans-	
		ferred at N. O.	\$.50
" 27,	"	\$500. Newcomb & Co., Ashton, La., - no boat	
		Voucher,	1.25
Oct. 8,	"	\$500. Howell - B. Range, La., transferred	
		at N. O.	.50
" 13	"	\$500. Mc. Cordel - Horner, La., R.R. charge error,	.20
" "	"	\$500. Collier - " " " " "	.20
" 26	"	\$500. Howell - B. Range, La., transferred at N. O.	.50
" "	"	\$1,000. Bank of Pontotoc, Miss., - Express error.	.75
		Total,	<u>\$3.90</u>

This last Shipment should be 2 minima and R. R. Charge = \$2.75 instead of \$3.50.

Enclosed, two R. R. Vouchers for correction, one at 50 cents and one at 85 cents, both should be at 65 cents, as that is their regular charge for \$500. shipments. Also five R. R. Vouchers for signature.

You will please make these corrections and return the corrected with the original Accounts at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

April 3^d, 1891.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July, 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Wells Fargo & Co. 110,000 Ounces, at \$0.9835
 Handy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at \$0.9820
 Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9825
 Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9830
 Handy & Harman 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.98375
 Cons'l. Kansas City, Mo. & Co. 30,000 Ounces, at \$0.9830

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 55000 Ounces, at \$0.9835

April 3^d, 1891

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

By what authority of law was motto "E Pluribus Unum" placed on Silver Dollar in seventy-eight.
 Answer by mail.

E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 3, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. #77	\$ 2.00
2 1/2 "	" #78	1.00
Total		<u>\$ 3.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City,
N. Y.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8000.⁰⁰, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+
+	<u>\$6000.⁰⁰</u>	+	+

Supt. U. S. Mint

April 3, 1891.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to day, requested the Secretary, of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced from the sum of \$12000.00 from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion" Act July 14th, 1890, to meet, in part, the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

April 3, 1891.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1891

Robert Beall, Esq.

495 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I will thank you to order for the use of this bureau the following books:

over

1. Principles of Economics, by Robert Marshall (2 Vols.)
2. The Monetary Problem, by Boissierain (in English)
3. Banking Almanac, Directory & Diary for 1891
by W. Inglis Calgrave.
4. Writings of Albert Gallatin, Edited by W. Adams (3 Vols.)
5. Federal Reference, Digest from the Earliest Period
to 1880, by Raphael.
6. Corporations, by Angel & Arns
7. Constitutional Limitations, by Judge Cooley.
8. American Political Economy, by Francis Brown.
9. Men and Measures of Half a Century, by
M. Culloch.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1891.

M. O. Harter Esq.,
Mansfield, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favors of the 31st. ult. I regret to say, that I have no copies of the article which I wrote for the North American Review, as it is copyrighted by the publisher, Mr. Bryce.

I take the liberty of sending you to-day a few copies of my testimony before the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, which covers substantially the same field, and I have also sent copies to Mr. Sprague.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York City.

April 3, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Minn.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Company,
51 Wall Street,
New York City.

Messlage, Colgate and Company,
29 Wall Street, New York City,

L. & S. Wormser,
New York City.

Kohn, Popper & Company,
New York City.

Silby Smelting & Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Zimmermann & Thorshay,
11 Wall Street,
New York City.

+ offers +

Telegram
Confirmed

April 3, 1891.
Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Wells, Fargo & Co.
New York City.

Bretton & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

Hendy & Harman
24, Nassau Street
New York City

+ + offers + + + +

April 4, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to the Act of September 26, 1890, to provide for new designs of United States coins, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a form of circular letter to be addressed to artists, requesting them to prepare and submit designs for both the obverse and reverse of the silver dollar, and for the obverse of the half-dollar, quarter-dollar and dime.

I believe that the Department will merit

the gratitude of the Country, if the power conferred by the Act of September 26, 1890, be exercised (in securing) an improvement of the coinage, and that the best method of obtaining suitable and artistic designs would be to offer a reward of say, five thousand dollars (\$5000) for each design accepted, five in all.

I have the honor to ask your approval of the action suggested.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Circular Letter to Artists.

Treasury Department

Bureau of the Mint

Washington, D. C., April 4, 1891.

Under the provisions of the Act of September 26, 1890, authorizing the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause new designs or models of authorized emblems or devices to be prepared and adopted for the coins of the United States, it has been decided to invite designs for the obverse and reverse of the silver dollar, and for the obverse only of the half-dollar, quarter-dollar, and dime.

The following are the conditions under which designs will be considered:

1. They must be presented in the form of models or medallions in plaster, the models to be from four to eight inches

in diameter; a separate design to be submitted for the obverse and reverse of the silver dollar and separate designs for the obverse of the half-dollar, quarter-dollar and dime.

2. The models must be in what is known as "low relief" suitable for coins.

3. Each model submitted must be complete, with the denomination of the coin, and only such inscriptions as are required by law, together with the date (year).

4. The models must be submitted under seal to the Director of the Mint, on or before June 1, 1891.

5. An award not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) will be made for each design accepted.

Full facilities will be afforded at the Mint at Philadelphia to artists who may desire to examine coins belonging to the cabinet of that institution.

The following is a list of the coins for which new designs are proposed, with the diameter and thickness of each.

Diameter and Thickness of the following Silver Coins.

Denominations	Diameter (20 ^{ths} of an inch)	Thickness (1000 ^{ths} of an inch)
Standard dollar	30	80
Half-dollar	24	57
Quarter-dollar	19	45
Dime	14	32

Extracts from the laws prescribing the devices and legends are attached hereto.

Very respectfully,
Edward A. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Statutory Laws in respect to the Devices and Emblems
Upon the Coins of the United States.

Section 3517, R. S. Upon the coins there shall be the following devices and legends: Upon one side there shall be an impression emblematic of liberty, with an inscription of the word "Liberty" and the year of the coinage, and upon the reverse shall be the figure or representation of an eagle, with the inscriptions "United States of America" and "E Pluribus Unum" and a designation of the value of the coin; but on the gold dollar and three-dollar piece, the dime, five, three and one cent piece, the figure of the eagle shall be omitted.

(applicable to the half-dollar, quarter-dollar, and dime)

Section 13 - Act approved January 18, 1837 - That upon the coins struck at the Mint there shall be the following devices and legends upon one side of each of said coins there shall be an impression emblematic of liberty, with an inscription of the word "Liberty", and the year of the coinage; and upon the reverse of each of the gold and silver coins there shall be the figure or representation of an eagle, with the inscription "United States of America", and a designation of the value of the coin; but on the reverse of the dime and half-dime, cent and

half-cent, the figure of the eagle shall be omitted.
(applicable to the silver dollar)

Section 18, - Act approved February 12, 1873.
The Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may cause the motto "In God We Trust" to be inscribed upon such coins as shall admit of such motto, and any of the foregoing inscriptions may be on the reverse of the gold and silver coins.

(Note) The motto "In God We Trust" will be inscribed upon the silver-dollar, and the half-dollar, and the quarter-dollar, but not upon the dime, and should be upon the designs submitted for the reverse of the silver dollar, the half-dollar and the quarter-dollar.

April 4, 1891.

Assayer in charge,
Denver.

Sir:

C.D. No. 8964 for \$60.⁷⁶ being on account of Sweep bar, Qr. ending 'Mch. 31, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 31. ult. has been received properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Billions accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leach

Director.

For (2) Similar letter, except as follows, to same address.

C.D. No. 8966 for \$270.¹⁹ + + Melting, Assaying
+ Stamping, chgs. Gr. endg Mch. 31, 1891 + + +
+ + + + +

C.D. No. 8965 for \$8.⁰⁰ + + Special Bullion Assay
+ no personal credit + + +
+ + + + +

Two (2) Similar letters except here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

C.D. No. 172 + \$212.²⁵ + + Parting +
Refining chgs. Gr. endg Mch. 31, 1891 + + +
+ + + to the credit of the
appropriation for Parting + Refining Bullion.

C.D. No. 173 for \$3.⁰⁴ + + Alloy chgs.
+ + + + +
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia.

April 4, 1891.

The Act of 1873 and Section 3517 had no reference
to the Silver Dollar, which was not a coin
authorized to be coined, by either Act. The
Act of 1878 which authorized the Coinage of
the Silver Dollar provided it should
have same devices as in 1837. The motto
referred to was not one of those devices
and in my judgment was illegally inserted.
E. O. Leech, Director.

April 4, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck and forwarded to this Bureau as early as practicable the following, gold Army Marksmanship medal, viz, One First-Prize Department Marksmanship Medal, to be supplied with pin, case, etc., transmitting the same with your account receipted in duplicate to this Bureau.

As this medal is to replace one lost in transportation, it is desired that it be furnished as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. D. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed, your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890, for correction, in accordance with your communication of 3rd instant.

Very respectfully,
 E. D. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses

of your institution during the Month of April, 1891,
has been approved for the sum of \$488.⁴⁰, payable
from the following appropriations made for
the support of your Office during the current
fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$288.40
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	
Contingent Expenses	1891,	200.00

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leach
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

April 4, 1891.

Sir:

I send you enclosed herewith a Commission
from the President of the United States ap-
pointing J. Cecil Legare to be Melter and Refiner
of the Mint at New Orleans, and also a
Commission signed by the President appoint-
ing, Arcemus R. Burkdoll to be Coiner
of the same Mint.

I also send you herewith communications
addressed to these gentlemen enclosing
blank form of official bonds for them to
execute, which you will please present
to them at once.

You will hold their Commissions until
you receive a telegram from me announc-
ing that their official bonds have
been approved, upon the receipt of which
you will deliver their Commissions and
they will take charge of their respective
departments.

I have to-day forwarded to Mr. Leonard Magruder, Melter and Refiner of your Mint a letter from the President of the United States removing him from the office of melter and refiner of the Mint upon the appointment and qualification of his successor, and a similar letter to Allen Thomas, Coiner of the Mint.

I have also instructed these officers upon receipt of my communication to close the business of their respective departments and make a thorough clean up of all the bullion in their possession, which they will deliver to you and through you to the new officers when the latter have qualified.

I desire that there shall be no delay in making the transfer in order that the coinage for the present month may be executed.

Mr. B. F. Butler of this Bureau will leave for New Orleans on Wednesday, next to superintend the transfer of the respective departments from the present officers to their successors, and will instruct you in regard to my wishes in the matter.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

April 4, 1891.

Leonard Magruder, Esq.,
Melter & Refiner, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you a letter from the President of the United States removing you from the office of Melter and

Refiner of the Mint at New Orleans, to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of your successor.

Mr. J. Cecil Legare has been appointed Melter and Refiner of the Mint at New Orleans and when he has qualified will enter upon the duties of the office.

Upon receipt of this communication you will suspend the business of your department and make a thorough clean up for the purpose of delivering to the Superintendent all the precious metals in your possession and declaring your wastage.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Allen Thomas, Esq.
Coiner, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ from the office of Coiner +

Mr. Arsenius R. Burkdoll has been appointed Coiner +

April 4, 1891.

J. Cecil Legare, Esq.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received from the President of the United States a commission bearing date of the 30th ultimo, appointing

you to be Melter and Refiner of the Mint at New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith I send you blank form of official bond with affidavits of surety which you will execute in the sum of \$25,000 with good and sufficient sureties.

Upon the execution of your bond you will forward it with the affidavits of surety to this Bureau.

In order to prevent delay, please see that the instructions printed at the foot of the bond are carefully observed.

Your Commission has been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans with instructions to deliver the same to you upon receipt of a telegram from this Bureau notifying him that your official bond has been approved. Upon receipt of such notice and upon the delivery of your commission you will subscribe to an official oath and enter upon the duties of the office to which you have been appointed.

Mr. B. A. Butler of this Bureau will proceed to New Orleans next week for the purpose of superintending the delivery of the bullion in the hands of the present Melter and Refiner to the Superintendent and through him to you.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter sent as here noted, to:

(over)

Artemus R. Burdell, Esq.,
New Orleans, La.

appointing you to be Coiner
 delivery of the bullion and coin in the hands
 of the present Coiner

G. Coleman, Esq.,
Secretary of U. S. Legation,
Berlin, Germany.

April 4, 1891.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 25th ultimo
 (transmitting a document from the
 Director of the Prussian mint, containing
 a statement of the coinage of the German
 mints during the year 1890) has been
 received and I beg to express my thanks
 to the Legation for their kindness in
 forwarding the same.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Baltimore Copper, Smelting and Rolling Company,
Kaiser Building),
Baltimore, Maryland.

April 4, 1891.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish ten tons of
 the best ingot copper, at the rate of thirteen cents
 per pound, to the Quartermaster of the United
 States Army, in your city, for shipment
 to the United States Mint at San Francisco,
 is accepted.

Please deliver the copper as soon as practicable.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1891.

Major Andrew J. McCornigle,
Quartermaster, U. S. Army,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

I have requested the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company to deliver to you ten tons of ingot copper for shipment to the United States Mint at San Francisco. I will thank you to receive and forward the same.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1891.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favor of yesterday, relative to the purchase of silver by the Government, I would say that your offer at \$0.93,4 was not accepted for the reason that we had purchased 541,000 ounces of silver on the first instant, which was somewhat in excess of our usual purchases so that we thought that the purchase of 370,000 ounces yesterday, was as far as we could properly go. Moreover if we had accepted your offer at \$0.93,4 we would have been obliged to buy considerable more silver.

offered at the same price by other firms.

There has been no change in the method covering acceptances of bids nor have I any right or disposition to limit bidders in the matter of submitting bids. My letter of January 12th was written with a view to saving unnecessary trouble both to bidders and the Government in regard to making offers at long decimal figures, but as I stated in that letter you had a perfect right to offer at any price you please, and I don't wish you to consider that letter as in any way limiting you, or prescribing in what method you shall make your offers.

I will say now that but for the fact mentioned, that we had bought as much silver as we felt authorized, yesterday, the difference between the highest offer accepted, viz. \$0.98,375 and your offer of \$0.98,4 would have been no consideration to the Government in deciding, as to the acceptance of your offer and it was only the fact that we had bought as much as we felt justified that induced the Department to reject your offer and other offers at \$0.98,4.

I return herewith my letter of January 12. Trusting this information may be satisfactory to you, I am.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1891.

B. Westermann & Co.
Gentlemen.

I am somewhat disappointed in Meyer's Conversationslexicon. I have had occasion to consult it three or four times since it came, and have nearly always found it wanting. In the table of coins for instance, under the head of Münzwesen, there are several errors which should not be found in any reliable reference work. Although Meyer is later than Brockhaus, I think the latter the more trustworthy authority, and would be glad to exchange Meyer for it. Meyer is still in the original paste-board boxes. The paper wrappers have been removed from some of the volumes, but otherwise they are in precisely the condition they were received in. If you agree to make the exchange, I shall have Meyer boxed up and shipped to New York, and wait until you can supply the set of Brockhaus.

Please order for the Bureau Schöninger's Handbuch der Münz-mass. und Gewichte König, latest edition.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leach

Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars (\$50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully, yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mint at New Orleans	+		+		+	Five Hundred
Thousand Dollars (<u>\$500,000.-</u>)	+		+		+	Treasury Notes
+	+	Superintendent	+			with the U. S.
Assistant Treasurer at New York.					+	
+	+					+

April 6, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge,U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

April 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of March 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 S. S. Dollars	Del. #99 + #100	\$ 4.00
Total		<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	+	+
April	+	+	+	+
2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #62	\$ 2.00		
2 " "	" #63	2.00		
Total		<u>\$ 4.00</u>		

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+
March	+	+	+
2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #45	\$ 2.00	
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>	

April 6th 1891

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana,

Sir:

I will thank you to close your account

with the appropriation for the collection of statistics of the production of the precious metals for the current fiscal year, at your earliest convenience, depositing whatever unexpended balance may remain in your hands, and forward certificate of same with your account.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 6th, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$1500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$ 500.
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>1000.</u>

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 6, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty thousand Dollars, (\$50,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the

Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 6th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes:

(Zimmermann & Forshay) 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9827

(Zimmermann & Forshay) 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9830

(Zimmermann & Forshay) 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9834

Crescent Kansas City S. & R. Co. 20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9830

Crescent Kansas City S. & R. Co. 20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9835

Handy + Horgan 25000 Ounces, at \$0.9835
American Exchange

National Bank, 24,700 Ounces, at \$0.9835

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

April 6th, 1891.

Walter C. Hadley, Esq.,

(Lake Valley)

New Mexico.

Sir:

I have today approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for settlement your bill amounting to \$200. for service rendered in connection with the collection of the statistics of production of the precious metals in New Mexico for the calendar year 1890. In due course of departmental business a draft for the above amount will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director

April 6, 1891.

Señor Don Matias Romero,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,

Mexican Legation

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 4th inst. I would say that the value of the Mexican silver dollar, in the circular of April 1, 1891, a copy of which is herewith enclosed is estimated at the commercial value of the pure silver con-

tained in such dollar, based upon the average price paid for silver by the Treasury Department from January 1, to April 1, 1891.

No other factor than the commercial value of the pure silver was taken into account in estimating the value of the Mexican dollar.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1891.

Telegram American Reporter Co.,
65 Duane St., New York.

If there is any edition of Zell's Classified business directory since the ninth issue for eighteen eighty seven forward copy by express today. I have the ninth issue for eighteen eighty seven.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram American Exchange National Bank, April 6, 1891
Confirmed New York.

Your offer of twenty-four thousand seven hundred ounces at ninety-eight thirty-five hundredths cents accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram Hendy & Harman, April 6, 1891
Confirmed 24 Nassau Street, New York.
Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at

ninety eight thirty five hundredths cents accepted.
Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 6, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall St., New York.

J. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Nevada Bank
San Francisco, Cal.

April 6, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Zimmermann & Morshay,
11, Wall St., New York.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.
20, Nassau Street, New York.

April 7, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars, (\$10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City Idaho.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Ten thousand Dollars, (\$10,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boise City National Bank.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1891.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts

and Vouchers, for the Month ending March 31, 1891.
Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
+	Bullion Accounts	+	+	quarter +
+	+	+	+	+

April 7, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir,

C.D. No. 293 for \$6.00, being on account of sale of old material Gr. endg. Mch. 31, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the — has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

C.D. No. 294 for <u>\$50.00</u>	+	+	Special Bullion
Assays,	+	+	
+	+	+	+

C.D. No. 295 for <u>\$173.54</u>	+	+	Melting
Assaying & Stamping Chgs,	+	+	
+ personal credit to be given on	+	+	
+	+	+	+

April 7, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Ascertain when new Coriner will qualify, and by telegraph, how long it will take new Melter and Refiner to qualify.

The deliveries in settlement can be made in a day when new Officers are prepared to assume their duties.

Think mean time should be used in the clean up preparatory to settlement. Ascertain how long it will take the present melter and refiner and Coriner to make their clean up. The Department desires no unnecessary delay. Telegraph particulars and work will be continued until you receive further notice from me.

E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

April 7, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institutions during the month of April, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$8,200.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$ 2700
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	3000
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	2500

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

April 7, 1891.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced your the sum of \$7500, from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion," Act. July 14, 1890, to meet, in part, the expense of that coinage, at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leach
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 7, 1891.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant, requesting an advance of Treasury notes to pay for local purchases of silver over the counter, I call your attention to the fact that your Cashier's Statement shows a balance of \$212,448.09 in Treasury notes standing to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia which has remained unchanged for some time past. You will use this in making payment for local purchases by giving checks against the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #81	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

March				
2 Double Eagles,	Del. #33	\$ 40.00		
Total		<u>\$ 40.00</u>		

April 7, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 389 for \$281.⁵⁷, being on account of sale of Old Material Qr. endg. Mch. 31. 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 31. ult. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your brilliant accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech, Director.

April 7, 1871.

Francisco A. Lanza, Esq.,
106 Vermont Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your verbal request to-day in regard to the execution, at the Mints of the United States, of a silver coinage for the Republic of Uruguay, I have the honor to inform you that the Act of January 29, 1874 provides:

It shall be lawful for coinage to be executed at the Mints of the United States for any foreign Country applying for the same, according to the legally prescribed standards and devices of such Country, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe; and the charge for the same shall be equal to the expenses thereof, including labor, materials, and the use of machinery, to be fixed by the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Provided, That the manufacture of such coin shall not interfere with the required coinage of the United States.

In regard to the cost of manufacturing the several denominations of silver coins mentioned by you, viz: \$1,000,000 in Silver dollars, \$350,000 in half-dollars, \$350,000 in twenty-cent pieces and \$300,000 in ten-cent pieces, I would say as a rough approximation of the cost that it would be about as follows:

For the manufacture of ingots	\$6,000
For the cost of coining	26,760
For the cost of dies	2,500
Total	<u>\$35,260</u>

The total number of pieces provided is 6,450,000, so that the cost would be a little over $\frac{1}{2}$ cent

per piece, while the estimated cost of manufacturing our own coins is between one and two cents per piece.

The silver necessary for this coinage would, of course, be furnished by the Republic of Uruguay.

Should the silver not be standard, that is, nine parts of pure silver and one part of pure copper, the copper required to reduce the silver to standard would form an additional charge, which at the present price of copper would be about 14 cents a pound, and the amount required would be about 10,000 pounds.

This coinage could probably be executed after the first of July of the present year, at either of the mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco or New Orleans, within a period of two or three months, ready for delivery to the agent of the Republic of Uruguay.

As I stated to you verbally, the devices and designs of the coins would be furnished by the Republic of Uruguay, and the dies engraved according to such designs as were furnished.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1891.

Telegram

H. C. Warmoth,
Collector of Customs,
New Orleans, La.

Think you better ascertain whether there will be any difficulty about the new coriner and melter and refiner qualifying, and confer with Smyth. He will show you my dispatch.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

April 8, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-eight $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars, (\$16,198. $\frac{40}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Forty eight $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars (\$48. $\frac{54}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Six $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars (\$16,246. $\frac{94}{100}$) being the value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 3 dated April 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 8, 1891.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 3, dated April 4, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3, dated March 31, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$16,284. $\frac{08}{100}$, Charges \$37. $\frac{40}{100}$, and net value \$16,246. $\frac{94}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 8, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans

Continue work until you finish settlement. Will
 not send Butler until you notify me that
 settlement is completed.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

April 8th, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
 your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstract
 and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Ordinary	Refinery	and	Coinage	of	Silver	Bullion	Expense
Accounts	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

April 8, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the pro-
 visions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been
 made this day by the Secretary of the

Treasury, for delivery, at your Mint, of the following
 parties at the rates and for the amounts res-
 pectively named, which you will receive and
 pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer
 at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9800
 Gimmernann & Forshey, 120,000 Ounces, at \$0.9800
 Gimmernann & Forshey, 50,000 Ounces, at \$0.9799
 Handy & Harman, 200,000 Ounces, at \$0.9799

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 8th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses
 of your institution during the Month of
 April, 1891, has been approved for the
 sum of \$34,500.⁰⁰ payable from the
 following appropriations made for the
 support of your Mint during the current
 fiscal year viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$3,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	25,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>6,000.</u>

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 8th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1500.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 8, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for the "Coinage of silver bullion" Act July 14, 1890, to meet, in part, the expense of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 8, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you U. S. draft No. 23853 for \$50.00, payable to your order, in lieu of the money order enclosed in your communication of the 7th inst.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 8, 1891.

B. Westermann & Co.

Gentlemen:

I have had Meyer's Conversations lexicon carefully packed and shipped to your address this afternoon. I thank you for your courtesy in making the exchange for Biskhaus.

Respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 8, 1891.

Robert Beall,

Sir:

Please order for the Bureau of the Mint Dana Horton's new book "Silver in Europe".

Respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 8, 1891.

Telegram Engineering and Mining Journal,
27 Park Place, New York.

Treasury Department purchased four hundred and seventy thousand ounces fine silver today.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 8, 1891.

Telegram Commercial & Financial Chronicle,
102, William Street, New York.

Treasury Department purchased four hundred and seventy thousand ounces fine silver today at ninety eight cents and ninety seven ninety nine. E. O. Leech Director Mint.

April 8, 1891.

Telegram Clark, Dodge & Co.
Confirmed 57 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at
ninety-eight cents, accepted, other declined.
E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

April 8, 1891.

Telegram Handy & Harman,
Confirmed 24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of two hundred thousand ounces at
ninety-seven and ninety-nine one hundredths
cents, accepted. Others declined.
E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

April 8, 1891.

Telegram Zimmermann & Forshay,
Confirmed 11 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of one hundred and twenty thousand
ounces, accepted at ninety-eight cents, and fifty
thousand ounces at ninety-seven, ninety-nine one
hundredths. Other offers declined.
E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 8, 1891

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Minn.

Similar telegrams to:

L. J. Reese,
New York

Edwin Mitchell
New York.

L. & S. Wornser
New York.

W. Loiza & Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

Missage Colgate & Co.

29 Wall Street, New York

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech, Director, Minn.

Similar telegrams to:

American Exchange, National Bank.
New York.

Kohn, Popper & Co.
New York.

Fourth National Bank.
New York.

April 9, 1891.

Hon. O. L. Spaulding,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 7th inst. submitting for such suggestions as I may deem proper a letter from Messrs. Oelrichs & Co. asking to be informed as to the proper method of arriving at the depreciation of the Russian paper currency, (as compared with the legal silver standard), I have the honor to reply as follows:

In my judgment this Department should not be required to furnish importers with a rule for ascertaining the relative value of one kind of foreign currency in terms of another.

The depreciation of the paper rouble as compared with the metallic rouble is a question of fact, the answer to which is an ever-varying one, which can only be answered at that time and on the spot.

As the value of the paper rouble is quoted daily in Russia in terms of the metallic rouble, its depreciation as compared with either gold or silver can be readily estimated there.

In the absence of proof to the contrary, the value of goods imported into the United States from Russia, expressed in roubles, should be assumed to be in the silver rouble, which by law is the standard of that country.

The letter of Messrs. Oelrichs & Co. is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of March, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. W. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+	+	+	+
+	+	Month of April	+
+	+	+	+

April 9th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #65	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

4 S. S. Dollars	Dels. #82 + #83	\$ 4.00
Total		\$ 4.00

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Another letter

to San Francisco

viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #46	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

2 Double Eagles	Del. #34	\$ 40.00
2 " "	" #35	40.00
Total		\$ 80.00

April 9, 1891.

Assayer in Charge
Boise.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891. In future please condense the work on your abstract sheets,

leaving only one line for monthly additions.

Very respectfully,
E. P. Leech
Director.

April 9, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise.

Sir:

C.D. No. 1088 for \$ 72.²⁴, being ^{on} account of Melting, Assaying + stamping charges, Cr. datd March 31, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 4th inst., has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. P. Leech
Director.

Two (2) similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+ C.D. No. 1089	+ <u>\$25.⁰³</u>	+	+	Sweeps,	+
+ +	+ +	+	+	+	+

C.D. No. 1090	+ <u>\$21.⁰⁰</u>	+	+	special Bullion	
Assays	+	+	+	+	+
+ +	+	+	+	+	+
+ no personal credit	+	+	+	+	+
+ +	+	+	+	+	+

April 9th, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$963.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1891	\$ 263.70
Wages of Workmen, 1891	} 700.00
Contingent Expenses, 1891	

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

April 9, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Assay Report No. 2 on Silver Bullion deposited during the Quarter ended March 31, 1891, is herewith returned for signature.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please have prepared and mounted

three silver life-saving medals, and forward
the same with case as early as practicable, ac-
companied by your account for the same,
to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

April 10, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from
the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of
the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-four
Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-one $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars (\$44,231. $\frac{69}{100}$)
in Gold Coin and Four Hundred and Twenty-four $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars
(\$444. $\frac{83}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-four
Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars
(\$44,676. $\frac{52}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore
forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States
Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 19 dated
April 6, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + +
Six Hundred and Fifty-one $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars (\$651. $\frac{95}{100}$) + + + Six $\frac{33}{100}$
Dollars, (\$6. $\frac{33}{100}$) + + + Six Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{28}{100}$
Dollars (\$657. $\frac{28}{100}$) + + + No. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ + + +

+ + + Assay Office at Helena + + +
+ Four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-five $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars (\$4,665. $\frac{76}{100}$)
+ + Forty-seven $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars (\$47. $\frac{13}{100}$) + + + Four
Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars (\$4,712. $\frac{87}{100}$),

+ + + Assay Office at Helena, + + No. 23,
+ April 7, 1891 + + +

April 10, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$6000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$2500.
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	2500.
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	1000.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director

April 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1000.⁰⁰ to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 10th, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$4000.⁰⁰ from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion" act July 14, 1890, to meet in part, the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Your deposit of \$93.57 "Balance Profit & Loss Acct." as stated on Certificate #395 and Form #108 a, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891, is very indefinite.

If this amount is the value of your Deposit Melting Room Sweeps for this Quarter, you should so state, as it is impossible to tell what "Balance Profit & Loss Acct." comprises without your Bullion Accounts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

April 10th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 395 for \$1150.⁷⁰, being on account of By-products, Cr. Ending Mch. 31, 1891, enclosed in your communication of the 4th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit is to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount is to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + for \$8.00 + + special Bullion Assays + +
+ + + + + + + +

+ + for \$7.00 + + sale of old material + +
+ + + + + + + +

+ + for \$93.⁵⁷ + + D. M. Room Sweeps + +
+ + Treasury, personal credit is to be given + +

+ + for \$30.¹³/₁₀₀ + + Alloy Charges + +

+ + personal credit + + + +

+ + for \$7357.⁴⁶ + + Parting & Refining shgs +
 + + Treasury, personal credit + + +
 + + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting
 & Refining bullion. + + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

April 10, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon Assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ + Month of April + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + Month of April + +

April 10, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 19, dated April 6, 1891 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 19 dated Mch. 31, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$44,781.²⁴/₁₀₀, charges \$105.²²/₁₀₀ and net value \$44,676.⁵²/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. M. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
+	No. 19 1/2	+	+	No. 19 1/2
+		+	\$657. ²⁸ / ₁₀₀	+
+	\$657. ²⁸ / ₁₀₀	+	+	+

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+	+	+	+
+	No. 23	+	April 7, 1891,
+		+	No. 23
+		+	\$4,721. ⁶⁴ / ₁₀₀
+	\$8. ⁷⁵ / ₁₀₀	+	\$4,712. ⁸⁹ / ₁₀₀
+	+	+	+

April 9, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to accept the bid of John Mc Hally for the relaying of the flagging extending to the new vault of your Mint and for laying the brick gutter in connection with same, at a price not exceeding the amount named in his proposal, \$250⁰⁰.

The proposal is herewith returned.

It would be well to file it with your account.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasury at New York payable in Treasury notes:

Clark Dodge & Co., 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9800
 Fourth National Bank, 28,500 Ounces, at \$0.97875
 Fourth National Bank, 19,000 Ounces, at \$0.9795
 Meslage Colgate & Co., 20,000 Ounces, at \$0.9800
 Handy & Harman 64,000 Ounces, at \$0.9795
 Handy & Harman 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9800

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I inclose herewith letter from General Superintendent of the Life Saving Service, transmitting draft of George A. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, for forty-two dollars and fifty cents [\$42.50] the same being in payment of your account for two silver, and one life saving medal forwarded to this Bureau on the 13th and 25th ultimo.

I also return herewith medal fund vouchers signed in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Three Million Dollars, (\$3,000,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury notes.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 10, 1891.

Sir:

The official bond of Wm O. Swan, Jr. as Superintendent's computing clerk at your mint was approved yesterday by the Secretary of the Treasury and has been referred to the First Comptroller's Office for file.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 10, 1891.

Receive from W. Taiga & Co., twenty-four thousand ounces Silver at ninety-eight cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leach,
Director, Mint.

Hon. Thomas H. Anderson,

Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,
La Paz, Bolivia.

April 10, 1891.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of February 23, 1891, relative to the production of the mines of Bolivia.

I realize the difficulties of obtaining accurate statistics relative to the product of silver in Bolivia. I would suggest however, that by communicating directly with the

mines there might be public spirit enough in the owners to furnish the information for statistical purposes. That is the way we collect the statistics of the production of the precious metals in this country, and we find no difficulty in securing accurate returns. Thanking you for your interest in this subject, I am,

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1891.

Telegram Handy & Harman,
Confirmed 24, Nassau Street, New York.

Sixty-four thousand ounces accepted at ninety-seven, ninety-five one hundredths and one hundred thousand ounces at ninety-eight cents. Other offers declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 10, 1891.

Telegram Clark, Dodge & Co.
Confirmed 57 Wall Street, New York.

One hundred thousand ounces accepted at ninety-eight cents. Other rejected.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 10, 1891.

Telegram Fourth National Bank,
Confirmed New York.

Both of your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Edwin Mitchell
New York.

April 14, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Kohn, Popper & Co.
New York.

L. J. Reese,
New York.

L. & S. Wormser,
New York

Gimmurmann & Forsday,
11 Wall Street, New York.

Your offers declined.

Telegram
Confirmed.

W. Loiza & Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

April 10, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

April 11, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and
 Vouchers for the month ending March 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

April 11, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter
 ended March 31st, 1891 has been received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint
 during the month of April, 1891, (and for-
 forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for
 special assay, have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. #66	\$ 2.00
Total.		\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

Sup't U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

April 11, 1891.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 11th, 1891.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7900, for \$1100.00, being on account of Medal Fund profits inclosed in your communication of the 10th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

April 13, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay

Office at New York & that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of twenty-two thousand, three hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents $\$22,348.48$ payable in 24,881.65 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury).

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eight thousand Nine hundred and Ninety $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars ($\$8,990.\frac{33}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two hundred and $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars ($\$200.\frac{24}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of Nine thousand One hundred and Ninety-one $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars ($\$9,191.\frac{27}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 20, dated April 8, 1891, of gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 13, 1891.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver Colo. for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

+	+	+	+
+	at Boise City, Idaho	+	+
+	+	+	+

April 13, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 20, dated April 8, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 20 dated Mch. 31, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$9,216. $\frac{30}{100}$, Charges \$25 $\frac{13}{100}$, and net value \$9,191. $\frac{17}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leach
Director.

Similar letter with additional note as follows, to:

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

Please forward your Form #207 for this quarter.

April 13, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I inclose herewith the accounts of the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company for ten tons of Copper shipped to you through the Quartermaster's Department on the 30th ultimo.

Your letter requested the purchase of twenty tons but I thought best to limit the amount to ten tons of which seven tons will be paid from parting and refining funds, and three tons from your Contingent appropriation.

Upon receipt of the Copper, you will please forward the Company a draft on

New York for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Assayer in charge,
Charlotte.

Sir:

C. D. No. 798 for \$68.⁹⁴ being on account of Melting, Assaying, & Stamping chgs. Or. and g' Meh. 31, 1891 enclosed in your communication of the 10th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to same address.

C. D. No. 812	+	\$185. ⁰⁰	+		+	special
are & Bullion Assays	+		+		+	
+ no personal credit re.			+		+	
+	+		+		+	

April 13, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to the request of Henry Clews & Co. for gold bars of the value of \$10,000. in exchange for gold coin, I would say that you are

authorized to deliver these bars, but this case is not to be made a precedent. The Government does not propose to furnish gold bars in exchange for gold coin except for use in the arts.

I cannot imagine what use this firm can have for these bars, which could not be just as well supplied with gold coin, nor can I see why they could not procure private bars if they especially desired bars. But still, as I have no desire to be unnecessarily harsh in the application of the new rule established by the Department, you are authorized to give them \$10,000 in gold bars in exchange for gold coin, provided they are not for shipment. But, as I say, this is not to be a precedent, and similar cases will be refused without reference to this Bureau.

You are not expected to refer cases which are in conflict with the instructions of the Department to this Bureau for settlement, but you are to decide them according to the instructions issued by the Secretary.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leach
Director.

April 13, 1891

Supt., U. S. assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your office to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of twenty-two thousand, three hundred and forty-eight

dollars and forty-eight cents [\$22,348.48],
payable in 24,831.65 ounces of standard silver
bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

April 13, 1891.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary and Carriage of Silver Bullion Expense
Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for
the month ending March 31st, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

April 13, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint
during the month of April 1891 and for-
warded to the Bureau of the Mint for
special assay, have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. # 67	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 Half dollars	+ Del. # 86 +	+ \$1.00 +
Total		<u>\$1.00</u>

April 13th, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 100000 Ounces, at \$0.9798

Respectfully yours,

E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Handy & Harman 25000 Ounces, at \$0.9805
Fourth National Bank 36000 Ounces, at \$0.9800
American Exch. National Bank 35000 Ounces, at \$0.9800
American Exch. National Bank 26000 Ounces, at \$0.9795

April 13, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of twenty-two thousand, three

hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents \$22,348.487, payable in 24,834.65 Ounces of Standard Silver bullion.
When received, you will take it up and treat it as a purchase of silver under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1891.
The Acting Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

If you have any need for a coming press I have no objection to your ordering one from the Ferracuti Machine Co., N. J. at the price named, but you will only order it in case you think it necessary for the business of the Mint.

I would suggest that possibly you might leave the matter until the return of the Superintendent, as there is no pressing hurry.

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech
Director.

April 13, 1891.
Supt., U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., relative to standard silver dollars from the Assistant Treasury, I would say that I don't intend to allow any more

silver dollars to be transferred from the Assistant Treasury to the Mint. When you have orders for silver dollars hereafter, after the abraded ones have been disposed of, you will ship the dollars coined at your Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 13, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I find that you still have on hand a balance of silver purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, of sixty-one one-hundredths of an ounce, carried at a cost of fifty-seven cents. You will please close this out, by (transferring) it to silver purchased under the act of July 14, 1890. I am under the impression that instructions had been given you to do this some time since.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 25th ultimo, I have purchased from the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company ten tons of ingot copper, and inclose their account for the same receipted in duplicate, amounting to two thousand,

six hundred dollars [2,600].

When the copper is received, you will please forward
them a draft on New York for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1891.

James E. Richardson, Esq.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your communication of the 10th inst. relative
to the retention of your daughter, Miss
Lillie Richardson, in the mint at New Or-
leans, has been referred to the Superintendent
of the Mint in that city, in whom the law
invests appointments.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Hon. Edwin H. Terrell,
Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary,
Brussels, Belgium.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 2nd inst.,
forwarding certain statistics relative to
Belgium, has been received, and I beg
to express my thanks for the same.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Telegram Fourth National Bank,
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer of thirty-six thousand ounces at
 ninety-eight cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Telegram Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-eight
 and five one-hundredths cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

April 13th 1891.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colorado.
 Confirmed

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Telegram American Exchange National Bank,
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Telegram

L. S. Wormser,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 13, 1891.

Telegram

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 14, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$25,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Bolse City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution, be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$25,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

April 14, 1891.

Telegram

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Your bullion accounts and abstract sheets for the quarter ended March thirty first have not been received. Forward them at once.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

April 14, 1891.

Telegram

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended March thirty first have not been received. Abstract sheets and vouchers received and examined. Forward the accounts im-

- immediately.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Dictated

April 14, 1891.

The Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1890, I find that separate accounts have been opened with each transfer order of silver coins from the Treasury, for recoinage instead of entering all of the transfers in one account under the title of "Silver for Recoinage" and that the transactions have been taken up in the "deposit and purchase account," which is an account solely with depositors and not with the general Treasury.

It seems strange to me that the book-keeper of the Mint should have thought it necessary to change the system of rendering these accounts although it has always seemed difficult for the book-keeper of your Mint to understand the simple method of treating silver coin received for recoinage.

Hereafter all silver coins received from the Treasury of the United States for recoinage, will be carried direct from the "bullion fund" to an account denominated "Silver for recoinage" and the proceeds will be credited in the latter account and debited in the "Silver coinage account."

When transferred to the Treasury "Silver coin account" will be credited and "bullion fund account" debited with the amount.

Until recoined the amount will appear as a balance of silver bullion on hand for recoinage, and when recoined, until transferred, will appear in the balance of silver coin on hand.

You will please instruct your book-keeper accordingly; and hereafter he is not to make changes in the system of accounts without specific authority from this bureau. I lay particular stress upon this for the reason that these accounts are recorded in this bureau in a large book which was printed for the purpose and when your book-keeper introduces new accounts or changes the form of entries it prevents the proper record of the accounts in this bureau - hence the importance of making no changes, especially changes for which there is no necessity - uncalled for changes without specific authority from this bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leach
Director.

April 14, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets accompanying your bullion accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1890, your attention is directed to the fact that no toughening charge was imposed on Gold Deposit No. 1631, Assay number 3152, although the Assayer's report which is herewith returned for your information, calls for a toughening

Charge of two cents an ounce on this deposit.
If the error was in the assayer's report it will be corrected before the report is sent back to this bureau.

Your attention is also directed to the fact that the amount of silver contained in gold deposit No. 1831, assay report No. 3, 492, should be 3.13 standard ounces instead of 2.13 standard ounces.

It is difficult to conceive how with two clerks making these calculations this error could have occurred and certainly indicates gross carelessness.

Probably, one clerk accepted the work of the other without making the original calculation himself.

Your bullion accounts will be held awaiting your reply.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 14, 1891.
Baltimore Copper, Smelting & Rolling Company,
Kaiser Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

I have transmitted your accounts for ten tons pigot copper shipped to each of the United States Mints at Carson City and San Francisco with instructions to the Superintendents of said institutions, upon receipt of the copper to forward you a draft on New York for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

April 15th, 1891.First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending March 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+
+	Bullion accounts	+	+
+	Quarter + Dec. 31, 1890,	+	+
-	+	+	+

April 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Coinage of Silver Bullion expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
Director.

April 15, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety
seven and half Cents per ounce fine immediately.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon Assay coins
taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries on each
week at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and
forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.
The coins were found to be within the legal limits of
tolerance.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to: Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans,

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. C. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

⁺ Ordinary, ⁺ Refinery & ⁺ Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts, for the month ending March 31, 1891 ⁺

April 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you two 1 cent pieces, taken from the current cash in the Treasury, which I will thank you to have examined and report to this Bureau whether they are genuine coins or counterfeits.

Two similar ones examined by the assayer of this Bureau appeared to be all copper, and no tin or zinc appearing in their composition, and the impression upon the coins being very rough and imperfect it was thought

that possibly they were counterfeits.

I would be glad to have the opinion of your experts and your assayer in regard to these pieces.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 15, 1891.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the pay-roll Melter & Refining department of your Mint for the month of February, your attention is called to an error in the calculation of the extra time credited to Israel Whitaker - "1 day 4 hours" at \$2.90 per day, extended \$3.26, should be \$4.35. If this is not a clerical error in writing a "4" for a "7", the difference should be paid him.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 15, 1891.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer

at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Fourth National Bank,	49000	Ounces,	at \$0.9775
Consol. Kansas City, S. & K. Co.	56000	Ounces,	at \$0.9770
Clark Dodge & Co.	100000	Ounces,	at \$0.9775
Handy & Harman,	52,000	Ounces,	at \$0.9765
Handy & Harman,	50,000	Ounces,	at \$0.9770
Handy & Harman,	26,000	Ounces,	at \$0.9775
Handy & Harman,	100,000	Ounces,	at \$0.9774
Handy & Harman,	50,000	Ounces,	at \$0.9774

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 15, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of April 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint

for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S.S. Dollars	Del. #87	\$2.00
2 " "	" #88	2.00
Total		<u>\$4.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supr. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	Del. #37	\$40.00
Total		<u>\$40.00</u>

2 Double Eagles	Del. #38	\$40.00
Total		<u>\$40.00</u>

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street, New York.

April 15, 1891

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at ninety seven and three quarter cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 15, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company,
20 Nassau Street, New York.

April 15, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Fourth National Bank
New York.

April 15, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
129 Wall Street, New York.

April 15, 1891.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

L. & S. Wormeers,
New York.

Grimmervann & Forehay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

April 15, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedHeidelbach, Leikheimer & Co.,
New York.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Kohn Popper & Co.
New York. -

April 16, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery and Silver Dollar & Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La for the month ending March 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Noti certificate on Abstract of Ordinary Expenses.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1891.

Assayer,
Charlotte Assay Office.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and
Vouchers, for the Quarter ending March 31,
1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge,
Bellua.

Telegram Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

April 16, 1891.

Hoge Melters & Refiner forwarded his bond?
As soon as coinage is completed have
clean up made in both departments.

Butler leaves Saturday night.
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

April 16, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for
examination and settlement the monthly
accounts of your Mint for March with

my approval except voucher #233. Ordinary expenses, bill of F. B. Nunn for coal, which I find has been erroneously calculated. The amount should be \$263.76 instead of \$285.88, as taken up. I have recommended the difference of \$22.12 to be disallowed and you will be required to take up the amount in your next account current.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

April 16, 1891.

Geo. F. Johnston, Esq.,
Pres't. Alabama National Bank,
Birmingham, Ala.

Sir:

Replying to the interrogatories contained in your communication of the 14th inst. I would say:

1 and 2. The weight of the silver dollar as originally authorized by the Act of April 2, 1792, was 416 grains, and its fineness .892, 4 the remainder being copper. The weight was changed by Act of January 18, 1837 to 412½ grains and its fineness was changed to .900. The quantity of pure silver in the silver dollar, viz: 371¼ grains has never been changed but is the same now as in 1792.

3. The ratio of gold to silver in the coinage of the United States is as 1 of the former to 16 of the latter (exactly 1 to 15.98). In France and in the states of the Latin Union it is 1 to 15½. In England the silver coinage is subsidiary or token coinage,

it is not a full legal tender.

4 The commercial or bullion value of the silver dollar as at present coined, that is the value of the pure silver in it at the present price of silver, is about \$0.75.

The commercial or bullion value of the silver dollar in 1873 when we ceased coining it was about \$1.03. In 1859 it was about \$1.05 in Gold.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

April 17, 1891

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion & S. S. Doll. accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending March 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by Law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same addressee:

+	+	+	+
+	Bullion accounts	+	+
+	Charge	+	+
+	+	+	+
+	Assay Office	+	+
+	Helena, Montana,	+	+
+	Quarter	+	+
+	March 31, 1891	+	+
+	+	+	+

April 17, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I will thank you to prepare and forward to this office a form of advertisement for supplies that will be required by your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, in order that I may obtain the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for its publication, and that the contracts for supplies may be made and approved by the first of July.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada

+ + + by your Mint + +

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

+ + + by your Mint + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

+ + + by your Mint + +

April 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of March 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	Months of March & April	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+

April 17, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech, Director.

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

April 16, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received,

2, S. S. Dollars	Del. #70	\$2.00
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #89	\$2.00
2 Quarter "	" 69	.50
Total		<u>\$ 2.50</u>

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Double Eagles	Del. #39	\$40.00
Total		<u>\$40.00</u>

April 17, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 Dimes	Del. #90	\$.20
Total		<u>\$.20</u>

April 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

The report of adjustment of weights at your office for the Quarter ended March 31, 1891, has been received.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

John Copper & Co. 200,000 Ounces, at \$0.9748
 Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at \$0.9760

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday in relation to error in pay of Whitaker, Helper

Melter & Refiner's department, I would say that the letter has been referred to the First Auditor for file with your March accounts. He will make the correction upon the authority of the letter and says the return of the roll is not necessary).

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward statement of silver delivered by Messrs. Handy & Harman on their sale of fifty thousand ounces April 3rd, at ninety-eight and three tenths ^{cents} per ounce fine, as none has been received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I enclose herewith authority from the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Chronicle" and "Bulletin" of your City, inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. O. No. 404 for \$347.18, being on account of Alloy charges Quarter endg. Mch. 26, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 11th inst, has been received properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

C. O. No. 405 for \$13,112²⁶ + + Parting & Refining
 Charges Qr. endg. Mch. 31, 1891 + + +
 to the credit of the appropriation for parting
 & refining bullion. + +

April 17, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & Coinage Expense accounts for the month ending March 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 17, 1891.

Mr. B. F. Butler

Computer of Bullion, Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to proceed to New Orleans and superintend the transfer of the operative departments of the Mint in that city to the new officers recently appointed by the President.

Oral instructions will be given you.

Your necessary expenses will be paid.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 17, 1891.

Telegram

Commercial & Financial Chronicle,
102 William Street-
New York.

Treasury Department purchased today three hundred thousand ounces fine silver. Lowest price paid, ninety-seven, forty-eight one hundredths cents, highest, ninety-seven, six tenths cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 17, 1891

Telegram

Engineering and Mining Journal,
27 Park Place
New York.

Treasury Department purchased today three hundred thousand ounces fine silver.

E. O. Leech Director, Mint.

April 17, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedClark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street, New York.Your offer of one hundred thousand one hundred
ninety seven, six-tenths, cents, accepted. Offer declined.E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 17, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedHidellback, Seckelheimer & Co.
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

J. & S. Wormser,
New York.Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.
+ offers +

April 17, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedLohn, Popper & Co.
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 18, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your attention is directed to the Parting and Alloy charge on Gold deposit #11, Quarter ending March 31, 1891. The Parting charge should be. $\$15.66$

Melting, -	1.00
Alloy, -	75
Total, -	$\$17.41$

You have imposed a charge of, - $\$13.52$

Difference, - $\$3.89$

Please explain this difference by return mail.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

April 18, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Assayer of the Bureau forwards to you today by express a box containing 63.72 ounces of gold, and 227.95 ounces of Silver resulting from the melting of special assay coins forwarded this Bureau during the quarter ended March 31, 1891.

For 5.86 ounces silver, you will allow the Assayer the subsidiary, coming, value and the balance, viz., 222.9 ounces at standard dollar value. No charge will be made upon this bullion by you. The silver will be taken up, and treated as bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

April 18, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
 I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to insert advertisement in the "Bulletin", "Item", "Press" and "Ledger", of your city, inviting proposals for such supplies as will be required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892. Please forward a copy, with dates filled in to the "Government Advertiser", in the inclosed envelope.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:
 You will please cause to be struck and forwarded to this Bureau as early as practicable one silver life saving medal. The case, as usual, should be furnished with the medal.

You will transmit your account for the same, receipted in duplicate, upon the inclosed voucher.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1959 for \$32.⁰³, being on account of D. M. Koon grains, Cr. dtdg. Mich. 31, 1891, enclosed in your communication of the 16th inst, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. personal credit is to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 1960 for <u>\$118.¹⁹</u>	+	+	+	+	+	+
Assaying & stamping chgs.	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

C. D. No. 1961 for <u>\$43.⁰³</u>	+	+	+	+	+	+
on Bullion ship'd	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

C. D. No. 1962 for <u>\$4.⁰⁰</u>	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bullion Assays,	+	+	+	+	+	+
no personal credit to	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

April 18, 1891.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and
Vouchers, for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

April 18, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during
the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the
Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have
been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars	Del. 71	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1891

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settle-
ment the Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of
Silver Bullion Accounts of the Superintendent
of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the
month ending March 31, 1891, rendered
to me for the purpose of adjustment as
required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+	+
Ordinary	Refinery	Expense	accounts	+	+
Assay	Office	at	New York	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

April 20, 1891.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for Examination and Settlement, your Ordinary (Refinery) & Coinage of Silver Bullion Accounts for the month ending March 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City,
N. Y.

+	+	+	+	+	+
Ordinary	and	Refinery	expense	account	
+	+	+	+	+	+

April 20, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. #29	\$20.00
Total		<u>\$20.00</u>

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

+ 2 S. S. Dollars	+ Del. 72	+ \$2.00	+
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>	
+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+ 2 S. S. Dollars	+ Del. 48	+ \$2.00	+
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>	
+	+	+	+

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+ 2 S. S. Dollars	+ Del. 47	+ \$2.00	+
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>	

Telegram
confirmed

Supt. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

April 20, 1891.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety-seven,
one quarter cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

April 20, 1891.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

The official bond of John W. Hayes as clerk of
the U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana,
was approved by the acting Secretary of
the Treasury, on the 17th inst. and has
been referred to the Office of the First
Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram
confirmed

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

April 20, 1891.

Section three of article five of the regulations

forbids the receipt of bullion containing less than five hundred parts of gold for payment of its value in coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 20, 1891.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Burk dolls' bond approved. Deliver his commission. He will subscribe to oath of office on the day that he takes charge, as his pay will begin from date of oath.

Legare's bond returned. Sureties cannot limit their liability. Each surety is liable for full amount of bond. Another blank bond mailed to-day for Legare. Notify him.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 20, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of April, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Herewith please find bond of J. Cecil Legare returned for correction. It will be observed that in the body of the bond the sureties bind themselves jointly and severally for the full penalty, while in signing, each has placed opposite his name the amount of liability he assumes. The Department cannot accept a bond wherein each surety limits his responsibility, the bond is, therefore, returned for renewal. The necessary blank for the purpose will be found enclosed. Referring to the seals of this bond, I would say, one is necessary, after the name of each signer.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 20, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The official bond of Arsenius R. Bunkdell, recently appointed Coiner of your mint, has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, and was referred to the office of the First Comptroller for file, on the 18th instant.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 20th, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively, named which you will receive and pay for (by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes):

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 75,000 Ounces, at \$0.9742

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank	45,000 Ounces, at <u>\$0.9730</u>
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at <u>\$0.9740</u>
Handy & Harman	65,000 Ounces, at <u>\$0.9740</u>
Handy & Harman	200,000 Ounces, at <u>\$0.9745</u>
American Exchange	
National Bank	109,000 Ounces, at <u>\$0.9740</u>

April 20, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the report of the

Assayer of this Bureau upon certain Silver Dollars forwarded for test, representing the first three deliveries of Silver Dollars at your Mint during the present month. Your attention is directed to the fact that these coins are all considerably above the legal weight due, doubtless, to carelessness in adjusting.

You are instructed to take the necessary steps to prevent its recurrence.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to ninety-seven and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offer of sixty-five thousand ounces at ninety-seven and forty one hundredths cents and two hundred thousand ounces at ninety seven and forty-five one hundredths cents accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

April 20, 1891.

Clark Dodge & Co.,
57, Wall Street, New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces
at ninety-seven four tenths cents, accepted.
Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

April 20, 1891.

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

April 20, 1891

Kohn, Popper & Co.
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

April 21, 1891.

Hon. O. L. Spaulding,
Assistant Secretary, U. S. Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant enclosing a communication from Messrs Oelrichs & Co., in regard to the valuation of the Russian Rouble and asking for my views on the subject, I have the honor to reply as follows:-

The position of the Department, as I understand it, in regard to the valuation of foreign currencies, in accordance with the decision of the U. S. Court in the case of *Hecht vs. Magone*, is, that the valuation of the metallic currency of foreign countries as estimated by the Director of the Mint and proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury, must be taken in the valuation of foreign merchandise for custom purposes. As silver is the legal metallic currency of Russia, the Department, in the absence of proof to the contrary, must assume that invoices of merchandise from Russia expressed in Roubles are made out in the legal currency of that country, and are to be valued for custom purposes at the value given the Silver Rouble in the Circular of the value of foreign coins.

If it is impracticable, as claimed by Messrs Oelrichs & Co., to convert invoices expressed in Roubles, which they claim are paper Roubles, to the value of the Silver Rouble, and if as claimed by them, there is no material difference between the value of the silver and the paper Rouble, I can see no objection to considering

invoices of merchandise from Russia expressed in Roubles, as meaning Silver Roubles (the legal currency) of that country, and giving such invoices the valuation of the Silver Rouble as expressed in the Circular of the value of foreign coins.

The letter of Messrs. Oelrichs & Co., is herewith returned.

With great respect,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 21st, 1891.

Telegram Supt. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Confirmed

Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to ninety,
six and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans.

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 21, 1891

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Confirmed.

Are there any orders from Treasury for
dimes unfilled? If so, fill them immediately.

and coin dimes at once.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 24, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of April 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #23	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #49	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total		<u>\$2.00</u>

April 21st, 1891.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco,

Telegraph at close of business today local purchases for April and suspend local purchases for balance of this month.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 22, 1891.

Hon. Charles FosterSecretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand and Eighty-three ⁵⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$27,083 ⁵⁷/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin, and seven Hundred and Thirty-five ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$735 ⁶⁰/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-seven Thousand Eight Hundred Hundred and Ninety ¹⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$27,819 ¹⁷/₁₀₀), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 24 dated April 11, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. J. Leach
Director.

April 22, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 24 dated April 18, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Ship-ment No. 24 dated April 11, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$27,889 ⁶⁷/₁₀₀, Charges \$70 ⁴⁸/₁₀₀ and net value \$27,819 ¹⁷/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund

of your Institution & that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Pay for local purchases to-day, ninety six cents per ounce fine. Suspend local purchases at close of business to-day for the rest of this month and report by wire amount purchased.

E. C. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 22, 1891.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant you are instructed to purchase a few inexpensive memorandum books for use in your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July, 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in Treasury Notes:

Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000	Ounces, at \$0.9640
Fourth National Bank	21,000	Ounces, at \$0.9640
Handy & Harman	25,000	Ounces, at \$0.9640
American Exchange		
National Bank	31,000	Ounces, at \$0.9636

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for Special Assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #94	\$2.00
Total		\$2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + Del. #50 +

April 22, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedClark Dodge & Co.,
57 Wall Street, New York.Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces
at ninety-six four tenths cents accepted.
Other declined.E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.Telegram
ConfirmedHandy, & Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at
ninety-six and four tenths cents accepted others
declined.E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.Telegram
ConfirmedApril 23, 1891.
American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

April 22, 1891.
Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.
20, Nassau St., New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Heidelbach Leilheimer & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann and Forshay,
11, Wall St., New York.

Neslage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street, New York.

J. & S. Wormsey,
New York.

April 23, 1891.

Telegram Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

Gross home sick and bird left on his
desk. I have forwarded it today.

E. O. Leech
Director.

April 24, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint ^{at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia,} of the sum of Thirty one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen $\frac{4}{100}$ Dollars ($\$31,814.\frac{4}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Fifty-five $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars ($\$355.\frac{62}{100}$) in Silver Coins, making a total of thirty-two Thousand One Hundred and Seventy $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars ($\$32,170.\frac{93}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 20 dated April 15 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 24, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 20, dated April 20, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 20 dated April 15, 1891, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $\$32,248\frac{73}{100}$. Charges $\$78\frac{70}{100}$ and net value $\$32,170\frac{93}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. 101	\$ 2.00
Total		\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 Dimes	Del. #95	\$.20
Total		\$.20

April 24, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the report of the Assayer of this Bureau upon coins taken from deliveries No. 71 and No. 72, at your Mint and forwarded to this Bureau for special test. Your attention is called to the fact that the coins run uniformly low in weight.

You are requested to take such steps as will prevent this infirmity.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 24, 1891.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 25, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of April 1891 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars, Del. #96

\$ 2.00

Total

\$ 2.00

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1891

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your

Statistical Expense Account, with Abstracts and
Vouchers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ Medal Fund + + Quarter +
March 31, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

April 27, 1891

Sir:

Instructions have been issued to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York to deliver to the United States Express Co., for shipment to your mint, for coinage into standard silver dollars, the trade dollar bullion now on hand at that office, and to morrow the Secretary will be asked to cause a transfer order to be issued, transferring this bullion to the bullion fund of your mint.

The amount of this bullion on hand at the assay office at New York is 3,038,879.66 standard ounces which cost \$3,495,523 at which rate it will be transferred to your mint.

This bullion will be taken up direct from your "Bullion Fund" in a separate ac-

-count denominated "trade dollar bullion" and entered in this account at the weight in standard ounces and cost above mentioned.

As this bullion is already standard metal it is ready to be converted into coins without refining or additional alloy, but the coinage of it into silver dollars will not commence for the present.

You will pay the cost of transferring this bullion from New York to your Mint from your silver profit fund account Act of 1890 and you will credit the profit on the coinage when the same is coined to the same fund.

You will render a separate Form #193 of this bullion.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 27, 1891.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed

Form one ninety three for March shows a balance of silver bullion under act of seventy eight of over five thousand ounces. Have you not coined up all your seventy eight bullion as instructed? It should be coined and the account closed so we can deposit the profits. Answer by wire.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

April 27, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, City.

Sir:

I have decided to transfer the Trade Dollar Bullion on hand at your office to the Mint at New Orleans.

You will please take such steps as will enable you to deliver the same promptly to the U. S. Express Co., when the transfer order (covering) it is presented, which will be in the course of a few days.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the month of April 1891 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Dimes	Del. #97	\$.20
Total		<u>\$.20</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 S. S. Dollars	Del. #54	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

April 27, 1891

W. Westermann & Co.,

Gentlemen:

I understand that the 2nd vol. of the Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften by Conrad and others is complete. You furnished the Bureau with the 1st bound, I think, by yourselves, I want the 2nd bound uniform with the first.

The Bureau has not received the February or March no. of the Handels-Archiv - only the January No. The same delay occurred at the beginning of last year. Why is this?

You will please order for the Bureau: La Revue des Banques, Recueil mensuel, for 1891. I want the nos. beginning with January.

Respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 28, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, of the sum of \$3,495,533, payable in 3,038,879.61 ounces of standard silver bullion resulting from the melting of the Trade dollars redeemed at New York. The expense of the transportation of this bullion from New York to New Orleans

will be paid from the Silver Profit Fund of that Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 28, 1891.

Assayer-in-Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

C. O. No. 358 for \$120.00 being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for contingent expenses office of Director of the Mint, 1891, inclosed in your communication of the 17th instant, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your statistical accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

April 28th, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your account of Statistical Expenses (I find that the travelling Expense voucher of W. S. Kelley) is without sub-voucher though in one instance opposite an entry, he says "see vouchers." I must request that you, (cause Mr. Kelley) to forward sub-vouchers for room rent and hotel expenses during his entire trip as your account cannot be

passed without them.

Vouchers for meals or railroad or stage fare are not required but if receipts for team hire in visiting mines or works can be obtained without too much trouble, it would be well to furnish them.

Your attention is especially invited to lodging and board bills of the following dates in Mr. Kelley's account: Jan'y 11, \$2.00, Jan'y 17, \$7.50, Jan'y 22, \$3.75, Jan'y 24, \$2.00, Jan'y 30, \$2.25 and Feb'y 5, \$1.00, each of which must be accompanied by a sub-voucher. I will also thank you to cause voucher No. 2 bill of Mr. Auning to be amended by inserting, if possible, the time he was employed and the compensation paid him.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

April 28, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed please find the duplicate voucher erroneously filed with your March Ordinary account. The correct one has been filed with the account, with the request that the disallowance recommended be removed.

Respectfully yours
Director of the Mint

April 28, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationary Division Treasury Department, for Stationery shipped you in March, 1891, amounting to \$2.00 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+ February 1891	+	+	<u>\$84.05</u>	+	+

April 28, 1891.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint, for special assay have been received, viz:

2 U. S. Dollars, Del. # 98	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total,	<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

2 U. S. Dollars Del. # 55	<u>\$2.00</u>
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April 29, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of April, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 29, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Register of Deposits, 100 leaves each, Form No. 188 E
(60 leaves for Gold Bullion
40 leaves for Silver Bullion)

and as requested in your letter of the 28th instant, viz (6)
Copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 29, 1891.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of April, 1891 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

2 Dimes	Dec #99	\$.20
Total		<u>\$.20</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1891.

Hon. J. M. Cockrell,
United States Senate.

Sir:

Referring to the list of names to whom you desired my report on the Production of the Precious Metals to be sent I have to advise you that a copy has been mailed to each of the parties embraced in the list.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1891

Hon. Charles Foster
Secretary of the Treasury).

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000.) by a

transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks, Denver Colo.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1891

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo for the month ending March 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+
+	+ Assay Office	+ Helena,	+ Montana
+	+	+	+

+	+	+	+
+	+ Medal Fund	+	+ Superintendent
+	+	+	+ Philadelphia
+	+	+	+
+	+ Quarter	+	+

April 30, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1891.

Telegram
confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Resume local purchases of silver tomorrow, and pay until further notice ninety-seven and one-half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

April 30, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending
March 31, 1891 +

April 30, 1891.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Bond of Legare approved, deliver Commission,
E. O. Leach
Director.

April 30, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The official bond of John Cecil Legaré, as
 Melted and Refiner of your Mint, has been
 approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and
 referred to the Office of the First Comptroller
 for file.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

April 30, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during
 the month of April 1891, and forwarded to the
 Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have
 been received, viz:

2 Dimes Del. #100	\$.20
Total	\$.20

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 U. S. Dollars, Del. #56	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 2.00

April 30, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 28th instant authority is hereby granted you to make the purchases therein enumerated at a cost not exceeding the amount named. It is understood, however, that this authority does not warrant the incurring of a deficiency in your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leech
 Director.

April 30, 1891.

Andrew Carnegie, Esq.,
5 West 57th St., New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 29th inst. I enclose herewith a statement showing the total imports and exports of silver to and from the United States for the last fifteen years.

You will understand that this statement includes bullion, ore and coin. There is a large quantity of base bullion and ores imported into the United States from Mexico. The exports of silver lately have been largely foreign silver coins, principally Mexican dollars.

On page 18 of The Report and Hearings before the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, you will find a little table which I compiled, which deals

only with the exports of domestic silver bullion,
I send you by mail today a library edition
of my last report on the production of the
precious metals.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 1st, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provis-
ions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made
this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for
delivery at your Mint, of the following parties,
at the rates and for the amounts respectively
named, which you will receive and pay for by
draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New
York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston, H Colorado

Smelting Company 60,000 Ounces, at \$0.9840

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York. May 1, 1891.

Will be at the Assay office for an hour
or so to-morrow morning. Please say
nothing to newspaper men about it as I
want to avoid interviews.

E. O. Leech
Director.

May 1st, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Dimes	Del. #101	\$.20
Total		<u>\$.20</u>

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In your report of the coinage executed at your Mint during the month of April, you report a coinage of fifty-one thousand in half-dollars. I will thank you to furnish me with your authority for making the same.

You will make no further coinage of half dollars.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1891.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of

April, 1891, and forwarded for test as prescribed
by the Regulations.

The Coins were found to be within the legal
limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Supt., U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

May 1, 1891.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt., U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead
Company seventy-five thousand ounces at
ninety-seven $\frac{1}{10}$ cents per ounce fine
and from W. Saiza & Co. forty thousand
ounces at ninety-eight cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

May 1, 1891

Telegram Supt., Mint,
San Francisco.

Telegraph your April Coinage.

E. O. Leech
Director.

May 1, 1891.

Telegram
confirmedClark, Dodge & Co.
57, Wall Street, New York.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street, New York.Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street,
New York.Fourth National Bank
New York City.May 1, 1891
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

L. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Telegram

Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

May 1, 1891.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

W. Haiza & Co,
San Francisco, Cal.Selby Smelting & Lead Co.
San Francisco, Cal.May 2nd, 1891First AuditorTreasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Assayers in Charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise, Charlotte & St. Louis for the month ending March 31, 1891, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1891

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending March 31, 1891, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar letters to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

May 2, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for your advertisement in the Tribune, Appeal, and Territorial Enterprise, inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892.

You will please forward a copy of the advertisement in the inclosed envelope to the Government Advertiser.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

over

Similar letters, except as here noted, to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

the Picayune and Times Democrat

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

the Chronicle, + your Office +

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York City,

Tribune, the Press and Mail and Express + your Office

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Globe Democrat + Office +

May 2, 1891

Telegram
Confirmed.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Advance purchasing rate of silver on Monday to ninety-eight and one-half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint

Similar telegrams to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Sup't. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

May 2, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

You will please cause to be coined at your Mint during the month of May eighty-five thousand silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted to:

Supt. Mint U. S.
New Orleans, La.

four hundred thousand silver dollars + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

one million, two hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars +

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

eight hundred and fifty thousand silver dollars +

May 2, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On the 4th ultimo you were requested to cause to be struck, as early as practicable, and forward to this Bureau, the following gold marksmanship medal, viz:

1 First Prize Department Marksmanship Medal,
the same to be supplied with case, etc.

As this medal was required to replace one lost
in transportation it is desirable that the same
be furnished without any further delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

May 2, 1891

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint
during the month of April, 1891, and forwarded
to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay,
have been received viz:

2 U. S. Dollars	Sil. #102	\$ 2.00
Total		<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

May 2, 1891

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate
of silver in lots of less than ten thousand
ounces at your Mint will be ninety-eight
and one half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

May 2, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

It is very desirable that the incurrent silver coin recently transferred to you for recoinage should be converted into dimes with as little delay as possible, in order to meet the demand for the same.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint

May 2, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th ultimo, you will in future enter on Form 193 the purchases of mutilated silver coin made over the counter as well as on Form 64. These two forms should agree as to the amount of silver purchased.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint

May 4, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith four silver Life-Saving medals struck in compliance with your requests of the 9th and 17th of April. I also inclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Phila-

-delphia, for the medals express charges, etc., amounting to forty-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$45.75), for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be remitted to him under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1891.

Hon. Charles Foster
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Mr. A. M. Hartsfield having completed his probationary term of six months, I would say that his services have proved satisfactory and recommend his absolute appointment to a Clerkship of the \$900.00 class in this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for Examination and settlement, a bill of C. W. Lannan, Salt Lake City, Utah, for subscription to the Daily Tribune, for the use of your office, amounting to \$12.00 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint 1891 (Mining Statistics). You are authorized to continue the subscription.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Director.

May 4, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedSuperintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.Advance purchasing rate of silver is ninety-nine
cents per ounce fine.E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

May 4, 1891.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
during the month of April 1891, and forwarded
to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay,
have been received, viz:

4	S. S. Dollars	Obv. 102 + 103	\$ 4.00
Total			\$ 4.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as follows, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

2	S. S. Dollars	Del. #10	\$ 2.00
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May 4, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary
 expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for
 the month ending April 30, 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

May 4th 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses
 of your institution during the month of May, 1891,
 has been approved for the sum of \$ 313.63,
 payable from the following appropriations made
 for the support of your Office, during the current
 fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1891 \$234.30

Wages of Workmen, 1891 }

Contingent Expenses, 1891 }

79.33

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letters, except as follows, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

over

+	+	+	+	+
+	<u>\$6,500</u>	+	+	+
Salaries,	1891,	\$ 3,300		
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	2,000		
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>1,200</u>		

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+	+	+	+	+
+	<u>\$498.20</u>	+	+	+
Salaries,	1891,	\$ 298.20		
Wages of Workmen,	1891,			
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>200.00</u>		

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+
+	<u>\$12,500</u>	+	Mint	+
Salaries,	1891,	\$ 4000		
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	8000		
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>500</u>		

May 4, 1891

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully, E. A. Lusk
Director

over

Similar letter to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

May 4, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rate and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Fourth National Bank	16,000 ounces, at \$0.9950
Fourth National Bank	15,000 ounces, at \$0.9960
Fourth National Bank	14,000 ounces, at \$0.9970
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 ounces, at \$0.99625
Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 ounces, at \$0.9950
American Exchange Natl Bank	25,000 ounces, at \$0.9960
American Exchange Natl Bank	31,000 ounces, at \$0.9965
American Exchange Natl Bank	25,000 ounces, at \$0.9970

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Upon receipt hereof, you will advance purchasing rate of Silver to ninety-nine cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1891

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$12,000 from the appropriation for the Coinage of Silver Bullion, July 14, 1890, to meet, in part, the expense of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

May 4, 1891.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Confirmed

Your offers of twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-nine, sixty-one hundredths cents, thirty-one thousand ounces at ninety-nine, sixty-five one hundredths cents, and twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-nine, seventy-one hundredths cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street, New York.

May 4, 1891.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:

Fourth National Bank.
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York

May 4, 1891.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall Street, New York.

Moore & Schley,
80 Broadway, New York.

May 4, 1891.

Telegram
ConfirmedZimmermann & Forsday,
11 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leach

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

L. & S. Wormser
New York.